

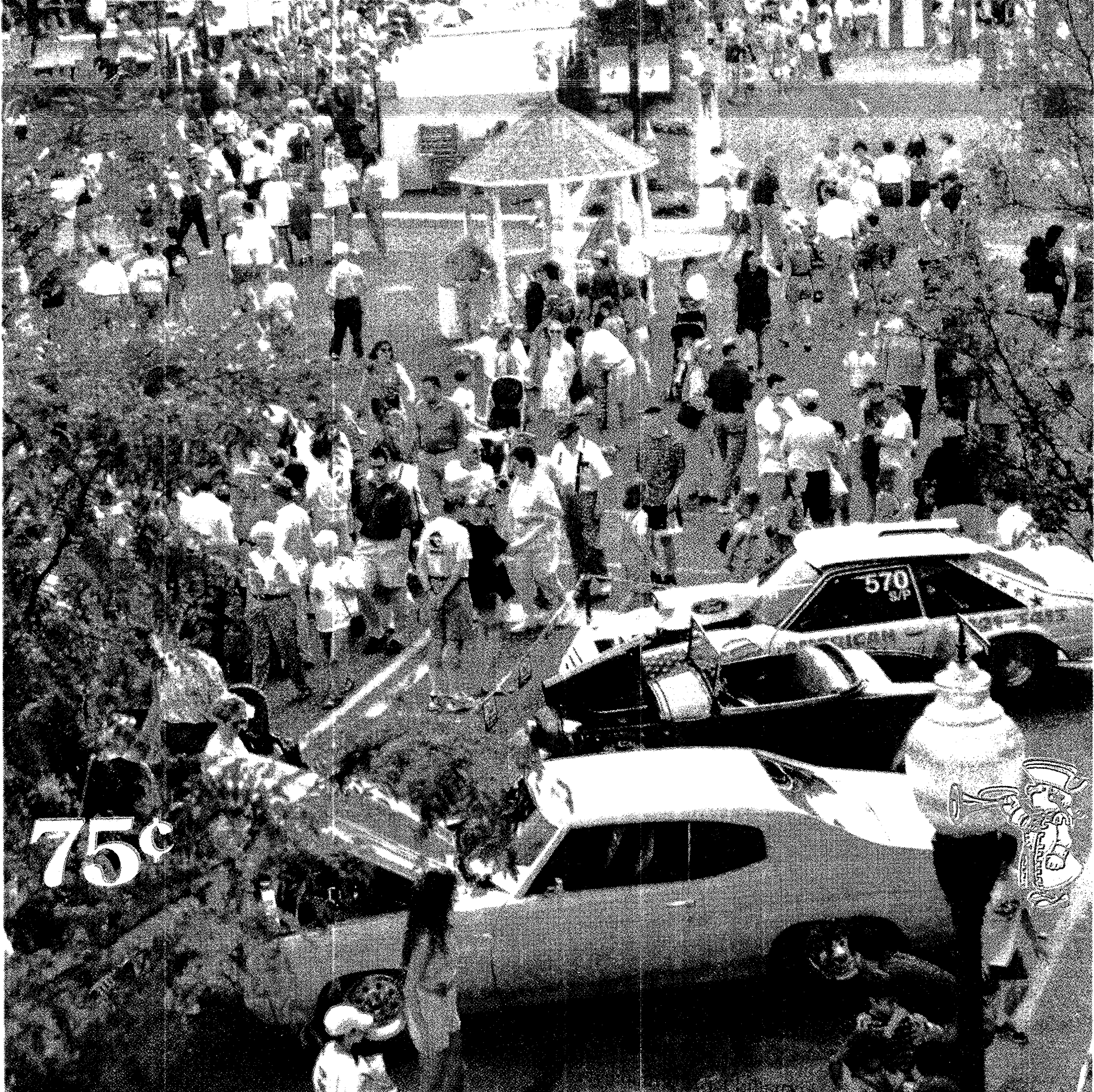
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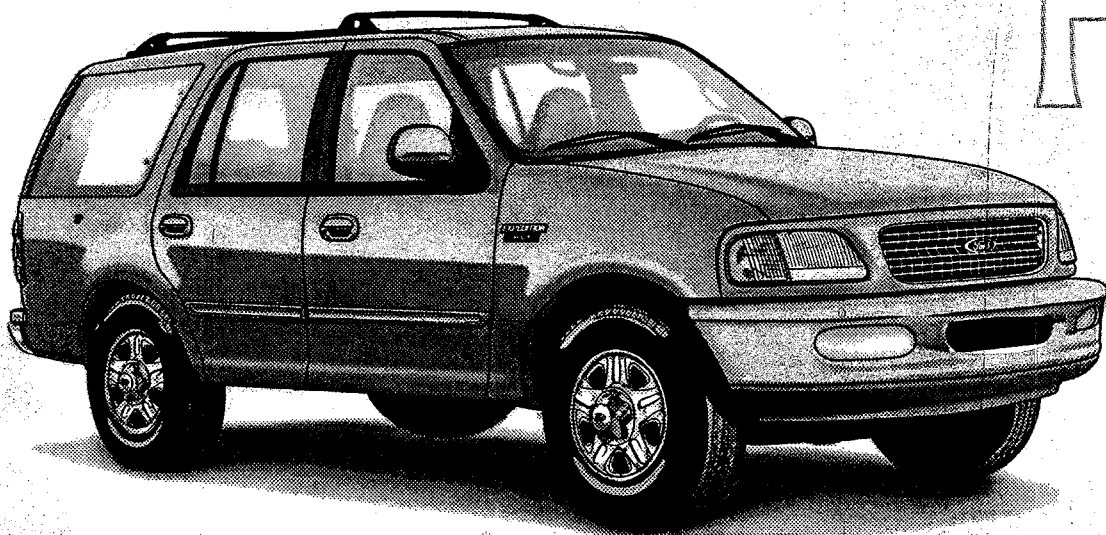
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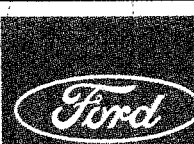
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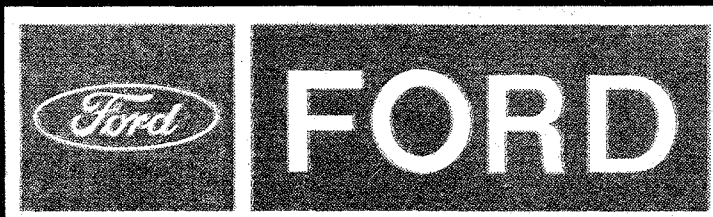
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This marks the 43rd year the community has gathered to celebrate their fortunes and raise funds for good causes and have some fun.

This year's festival promises to be even bigger and better than before, from Friday's Bingo in The Gathering, to Saturday's Pancake Breakfast to the Rotary Chicken Barbecue on Sunday.

New for the festival this year is a chili cookoff, which will begin just after the pancake breakfast Saturday.

Along with the traditional Festival activities, there will be new and exciting events and booths to please each and every fair-goer.

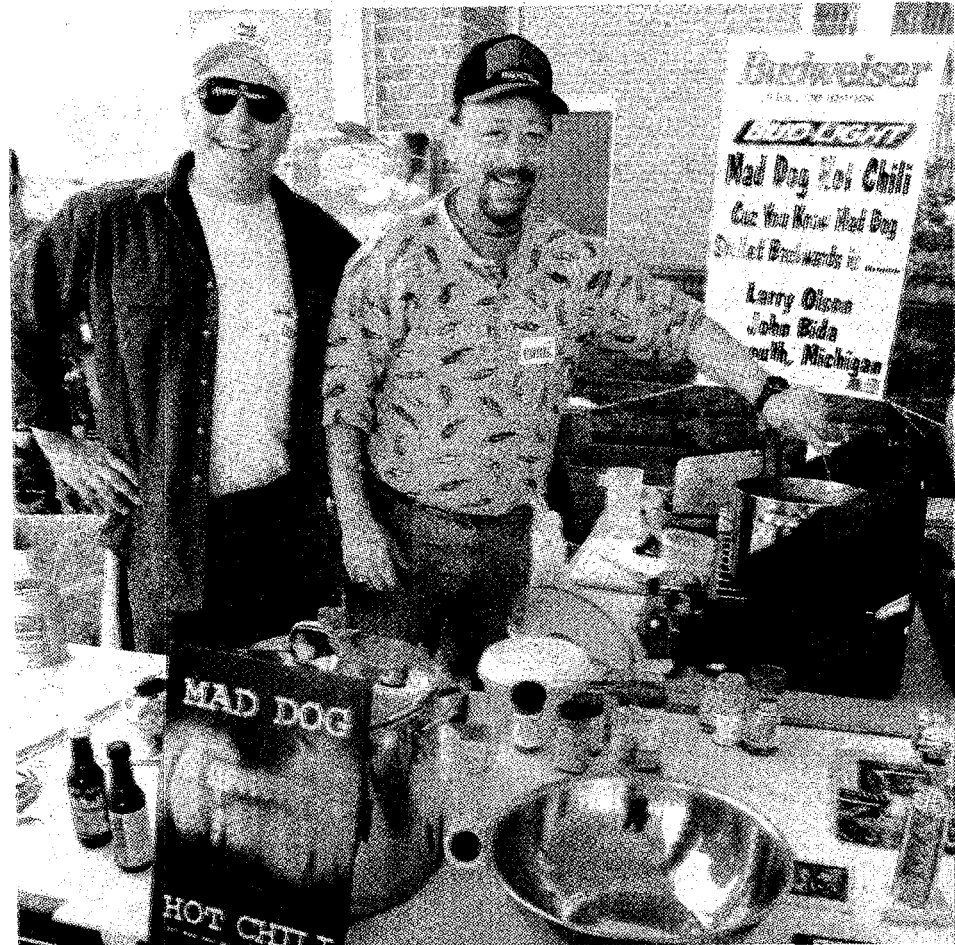
Hungry festival goers will find a

broad spectrum of food to choose from. Anything from pierogis to gyros, to soup and potatoes can be found, and all funds go toward good causes.

The addition of a second stage means more music throughout the festival. Country western, big band, rock-and-roll bands and dancers will take turns headlining on the main stage, while performers stroll through the park.

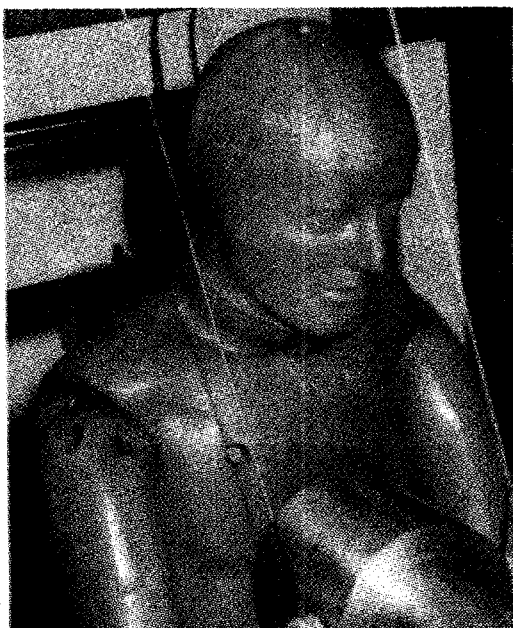
And don't forget the Antique and Performance Car Show on Sunday, and the Artists and Craftsmen show at Central Middle School Saturday and Sunday. Take the kids to the mini-midway, get their face painted and try their luck at games of skill.

It's a time to meet new neighbors and reminisce with old friends. So get out and enjoy the Festival. Buy some food, drink some lemonade, and make some friends. It's been a community tradition for 43 years.



New at Fall Festival this year: State Championship Chili Cookoff Saturday afternoon under The Gathering. Above: John Bida (left) and Larry Olson cook up their renowned 'Mad Dog Chili.' (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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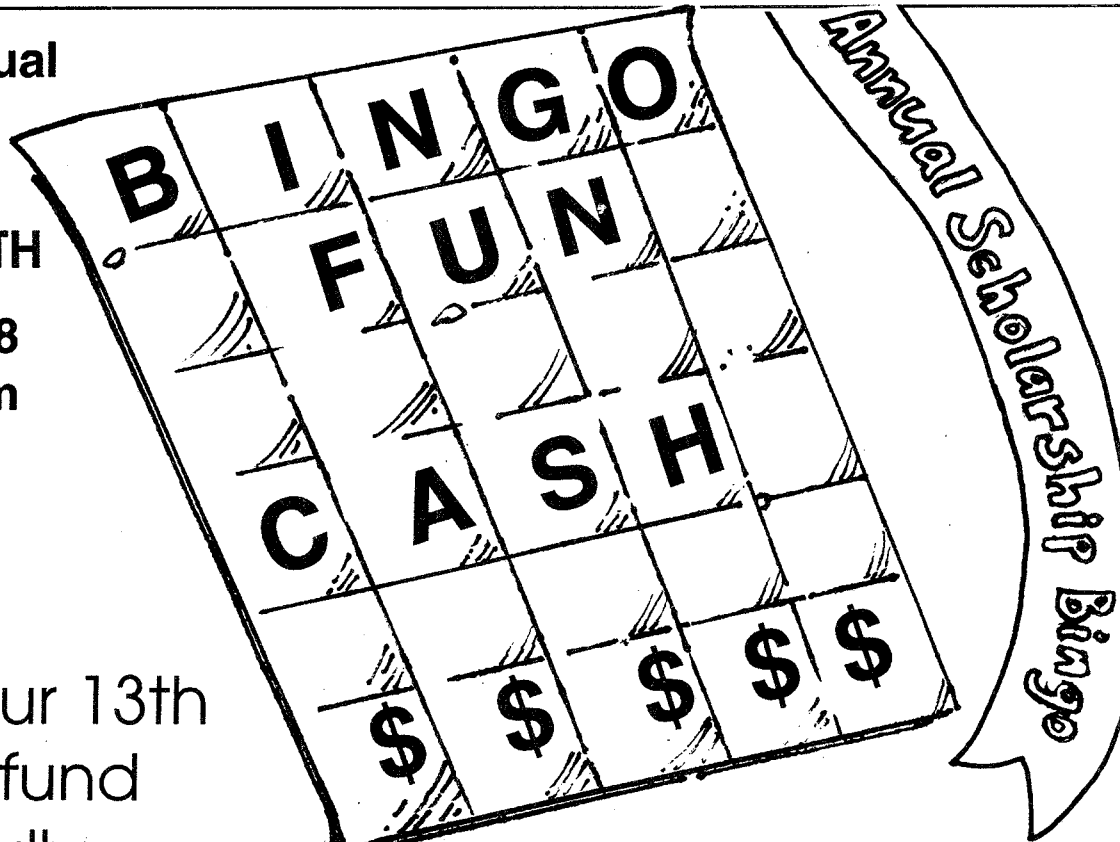
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Autumn gets chili early in '98

1 month before the 3rd annual Great Lakes cookoff, the Michigan State Chili Championship comes to Fall Fest for the 1st time,



On their way to the granddaddy of chili cookoffs, the Midwest's hot shot chefs will have a new stop to make: Kellogg Park.

The Michigan State Chili Championship, now in its 20th year, will make its first appearance in Saturday, during the Fall Festival.

Annette Horn, who also brings the Great Lakes Regional cookoff and Harley-Davidson ride-in to Plymouth in October, says hosting the state championship in Plymouth will heat up the competition around town.

The championship's winner will move on to Las Vegas to represent Michigan in the World Chili Championship this October. The winner in the world cookoff gets a check for \$25,000 and bragging rights as the world's best chili cook.

Last year's world champion, Georgia Weller of West Bloomfield, will be the chief judge at Saturday's cookoff. Other judges include City Commissioner Ron Loiselle; Robert Ficano, Wayne County Sheriff; and Neal Rubin, a writer for the Detroit Free Press.

Cooking begins at 2 p.m., with judging to start around 5 p.m. Chili lovers on-hand will be able to buy samples of the chili for \$.50. Net proceeds will go to benefit the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, Rotary, Lions and others. The winning cook will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.

Bikes, beans & dreams

What's that rumble?

No, it's not *exactly* coming from the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, being held Sunday Oct. 4 in Kellogg Park.

But it is coming from Main Street, where more Harley-Davidson motorcycles and riders are assembled than any cautious Plymouthite would care to meet in an alley.

Actually, the ride-in isn't scary at all. It's a benefit. Motorcycle enthusiasts mix with chili connoisseurs to see whose stuff is hotter. Proceeds from sales of chili samples benefit Make-A-Wish foundation of Michigan, which realizes the dreams of terminally ill children.

For more information, call the events' organizer, Annette Horn, at (734) 455-8838.



Some like it chili...

The air is always a bit crisp in October, but it's at Fall Festival that downtown Plymouth starts to get chili. This Fest is the first to host the Michigan State Chili Championship now in its 20th year. Annette Horn (at left) helped bring the cookoff to town, joining her other hot project, the 3rd Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, held in Kellogg Park Oct. 4 (above). Her ken for the caliente was captured by Plymouth photographer Jill Andra Young in a portrait of Horn, the proprietor of Native West Galleries. (Crier photo (top) by R. Alwood, Jr. Horn portrait courtesy of Jill Andra Young).

Pancakes, sausage and you

The Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast starts off Saturday morning festivities

BY BRYON MARTIN

Ever wonder what the Kiwanis Club does with the proceeds from its annual Fall Fest pancake breakfast? Well, if you're among the many scarfing down a pile of flapjacks beneath The Gathering Saturday morning, just look up.

Built in cooperation with other Plymouth-Canton service organizations, The Gathering is one of the most visible Kiwanis contributions to Plymouth and Canton, and is host again this year to the club's annual pancake pig-out.

It's an all-you-can-eat affair, with an ample supply of Kiwanis-cooked pancakes and breakfast meats being served from 7 - 11:30 a.m. Saturday. And if griddle goodies aren't enticing enough, the club is also throwing in a chance to win airline tickets for two to Chicago, Toronto, Nashville, Ottawa or St. Louis, a door prize donated by Tim White.

Tickets cost \$5 in advance, a dollar more at the door. Proceeds go toward Kiwanis projects, which have included the Kiwanis parks at the eastern and western entrances to Plymouth on Ann Arbor Road.

Kiwanis also makes annual donations to: The Salvation Army; Plymouth-Canton Special Olympics; Plymouth Community Arts Council; and the Plymouth Community Band.

Kiwanis funds the "Terrific Kids" scholarship program in Plymouth-Canton elementary schools, which recognizes students for scholastic and leadership achievements.

With so much to do in a year, the group is always on the lookout for potential members, according to Kiwanian Eric Colthurst. Those interested are invited to attend a meeting, held weekly Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at The Water Club Grill.

Held under The Gathering next to the Penn Theatre, the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast has been a major staple of Festivals past (right). Held Saturday morning from 7 - 11:30 a.m., the pancake feed provides early morning chow to about 2,000 families annually (below). Crier photos by R. Alwood, Jr.





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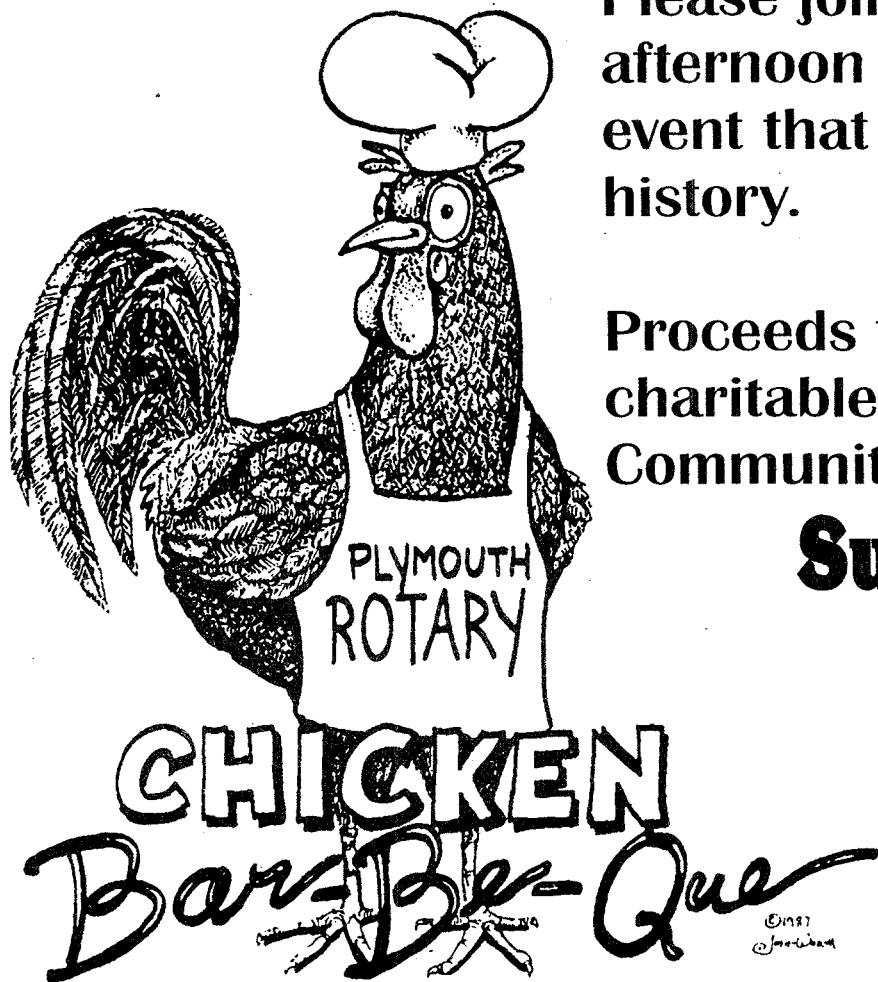
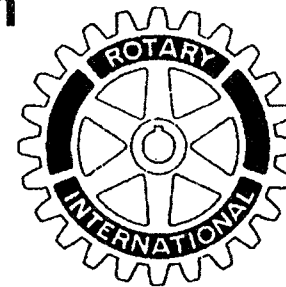
Tickets: \$2.00 each, 3 For \$5.00

Drawing: Sunday, Sept. 13th, 4pm at Rotary Chicken BBQ

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Sunday, September 13, 1998

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The 1998 MICHIGAN STATE Chili Cookoff Schedule of Events - Saturday, Sept 12, 1998

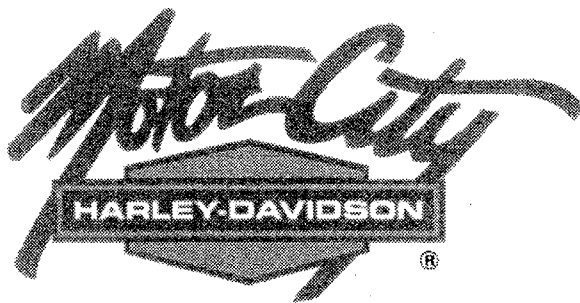
Registration/Booth	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Cook's Meeting	12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Food Preparation	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Cooking	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Judge's Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Turn in Chili for Judging/Tasting	5:00 p.m.
Judging	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Awards Presentation	6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cooks from all over the Midwest are expected to compete in this event with the winner receiving a

\$1000 cash prize

and the opportunity to represent Michigan in the World Championship Chili Cook off in Nevada this October. The winner in the world cookoff receives \$25,000 and boasts the finest Chili in the World!!!

Don't forget THE GREAT LAKES REGIONAL held along with a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle ride-in bike show on Sunday, October 4, 1998 under The Gathering in downtown Plymouth. This cookoff supports "The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan" and the Plymouth Salvation Army.



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Sunday picnic in the park

The Rotary chicken barbecue is as popular today as when the Fall Festival started, 43 years ago,

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

There are two pits that operate every Fall Fest at the Plymouth Rotary Sunday Chicken Barbecue — one in The Gathering and one outside.

Each barbecues endless lines of chicken, corn and rolls. Each is manned by numerous volunteers. And each is a commitment to the charity the Rotary Club exemplifies.

But don't let the front fool you: they each want to be the best pit at The Fall Fest.

"There's a little rivalry going there," says Elizabeth Galea, barbecue organizer and Rotary member. All in good fun, Galea

says, but it helps the operation run smoothly.

The two-pit format also serves another purpose. "It solidifies our ability to work in the rain," Galea says. "Rain or shine, we'll have chicken."

And plenty of it. Again this year, the Rotary Club plans on selling an astronomical 12,000 chicken dinners to hungry Fall Festers, the same record amount as last year.

This year instead of buying the chickens from a variety of vendors, Plymouth Marketplace has won the prize of sole supplier.

"Because they are in the community they have a vested interest in making everything right," Galea says.

The Fall Festival started as a one-day chicken barbecue in 1955 to raise funds for new equipment in Rotary Park. The event was so successful that the Rotarians could buy their equipment, and started a tradition in the bargain. The Rotary Club held another barbecue the following year, and the event grew from there.

Prices will remain the same this year. Prepaid tickets are available on Friday and Saturday for \$7. On Sunday the price jumps a buck. The prices have not changed since 1995, Galea says.

Galea says preparations for the barbecue actually began in March when organizers decided all the necessary details far in advance.

What's the most laborious aspect of the barbecue? Surprisingly, says Galea, it's not cooking the chickens themselves.

"It's constructing the boxes," Galea says. "The boxes come flat and need to be built." Those constructing the 12,000 boxes get to work first thing Sunday



It takes dozens of volunteers to make a successful chicken barbecue, from the Smoke eaters who keep the coals hot to the volunteers who prepare the corn. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

morning at 7:30 a.m.

By 11 a.m. the first chickens are ready to eat. And according to Galea, the lines start early.

"A lot of people are getting out of church at that time and are looking for some brunch," she says. "The line stays pretty steady all day."

To pull off the barbecue, the Rotary Club employs the efforts of more than 400 volunteers, everybody from high school

cheerleaders to friends of Rotary members.

"People from the community really come out and help," Galea says.

A take-out service for the chicken dinners will be set-up at West Middle School at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon Road. Dinners will be served either until 5 p.m. or they are sold out, whichever comes first.



The chicken is cooked on racks set over a huge grill made of sand, charcoal and cinderblocks

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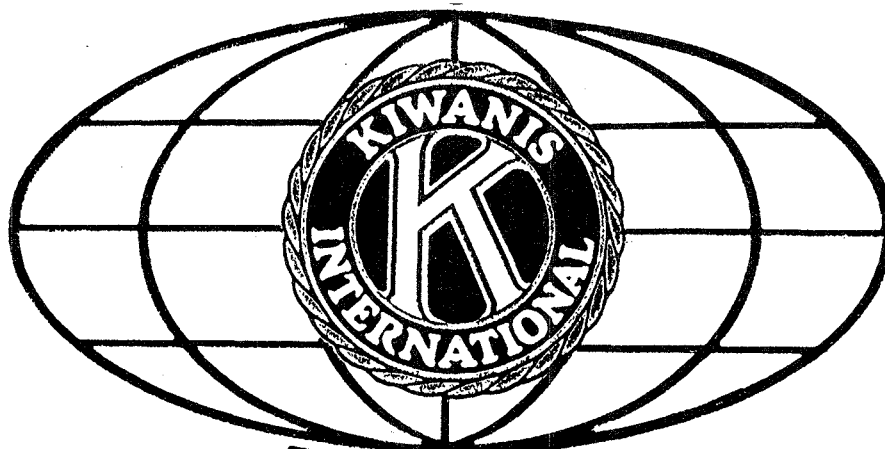
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Volunteering for the Fall Festival is a year-long commitment. This year's extended board, from left to right (sitting): Erica Ingle, applications chairperson Mark Baldwin, secretary Cheryl Shannon, president Curt Lamar, treasurer Sue Clark, Ann Murray; (standing): co-manager Jay Horsely, co-manager Fred Eagle, Harry Roebuck, Jim Sark, John Campbell, Don McDurmon, vice-president, entertainment chair Kathy Turnquist, Shannon Allison, Kim Hancock, Kathy Spencer, Craig Lawrence, Lloyd Ingram, Ken Seasky, co-manager Ken Holmes, Sue Carlson, John Spencer and public relations chair person Carolyn Simons. Barb Hanosh, membership chairperson is not pictured.

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 AUTO SHOW

Classic car owners strut their stuff

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Gracing the cover of The Crier's Fall Festival edition, the Antique and Performance Car Show is a growing part of the Fall Festival.

Drawing on the average American's love for the automobile, the show is a major draw for Fest goers and car exhibitors alike, according to organizer Walt Clark.

"We generally have a large turnout," Clark said.

Clark said he hopes to attract even more cars than ever before, and will have several mini-exhibits throughout the car show, which lasts until 5 p.m. Sunday.

Cars will begin filing in around 8 a.m. Clark said, and soon after will line Main Street from Church Street to Penniman, and spill over onto Penniman Avenue.

"We'll have a good contrast with older, antique cars and muscle cars and some new cars from local dealers," Clark said.

Among the cars lining the street will be a collection of Volkswagon Beetles, ranging from early '50s Beetles to one of the popular updated version introduced by the German carmaker earlier this year.

"You'll get to see the transition from the old to the new," Clark said.

Also new for the show this year is



an assortment of antique motorcycles, which will be parked on Penniman near Main Street, Clark said.

The Jack Roush race team will make an appearance, and Chrysler will provide a concept car for viewers, Clark said.

Awards will be given out at 4 p.m. Sunday for Mayor's Choice, Fire Chief's Choice, Police Chief's

Choice as well as Men's Choice and Ladies' Choice, Clark said.

Clark said he rarely has any trouble finding exhibitors for the event.

He never has any trouble finding exhibitors for the show, he said. He said he invites car owners who

participate in shows earlier in the year, as well as local owners.

"It's a big family event," he said. "A lot of exhibitors bring out their whole family, park, talk cars with their neighbors and enjoy the weekend in Plymouth. It's a nice family weekend."



Muscle cars (top) are always popular attractions at the Car show, which appeals to both children and adults alike (left). Last year's star, a Tucker automobile (above) won't be back this year, but car show organizers have promised something just as exciting. (Crier photos by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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11:00am-noon Somewhere in time Big Band
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11/28 vs. St. Louis game time 3:35
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12/6 vs. Soo game time 2:00
12/11 vs. Cleveland game time 6:35
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FALL FEST BOARD

You lose some, you keep some

New faces and familiar names make up the Fall Festival board, organizers and volunteers

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Throughout its 43 year history, the Fall Festival has gone through a number of changes. It has grown from a single day affair to raise money for new playground equipment to the two-and-a-half day, three-night smorgasbord of feed, frolic and fund-raising that we know today.

Throughout most of it there has been a group of individuals guiding these changes, developing guidelines, organizing the festival and vetoing the beer tent (no matter what form it should take): the Fall Fest Board.

A board of directors for the Fall Festival was organized in 1962, when the event had grown too large for the Rotary Club to handle on its own. Made up of committee members of other service groups involved in the festival, the board began making the event bigger and better.

What makes the board so unique is that it is in a constant state of flux, year after year, and yet the changes they make help guide the festival toward a more efficiently running operation. And the board members all volunteers.

This year's board is a little different and has remained largely the same as it was last year, according to Curt Lamar, president of the Fall Festival Board.

"It will probably change a lot next year," he said.

Fall Festival by-laws are designed to bring in fresh faces and ensure the same people aren't running the Fest year after year. According to the by-laws, the most someone can serve on the festival board only two three-year terms.

"The by-laws have been fairly rigid about who can be aboard member and how cannot," Lamar said. "We're in the process of re-writing them so that membership on the board will be loosened up a bit."



Volunteering for the Fall Festival is a year-long commitment. This year's extended board, from left to right (sitting): Erica Ingle, applications chairperson Mark Baldwin, secretary Cheryl Shannon, president Curt Lamar, treasurer Sue Clark, Ann Murray; (standing): co-manager Jay Horsely, co-manager Fred Eagle, Harry Roebuck, Jim Sark, John Campbell, Don McDurmon, vice-president, entertainment chair Kathy Turnquist, Shannon Allison, Kim Hancock, Kathy Spencer, Craig Lawrence, Lloyd Ingram, Ken Seasky, co-manager Ken Holmes, Sue Carlson, John Spencer and public relations chair person Carolyn Simons. Barb Hanosh, membership chairperson is not pictured.

An event as popular as Fall Festival can't be planned in a week, or even a month. Members of the board meet year round, on the first Wednesday of the month to pay bills, organize the festival and raise funds.

Lamar said he hopes to help provide a more firm core group of festival board members, so that there will always be experienced members within the group. It's part of what has made the festival so successful and better organized for the last two years.

It's also part of the reason why the festival is in the best shape financially since rain all but rained out the festival in 1996.

"We were able to pay a significant amount of money to The City of Plymouth early this year," Lamar said. "We usually can't pay

until October."

A successful fund-raising season has led Lamar to consider the addition of a fund-raising chairperson to go along with membership chairs, entertainment chairs and publicity chairs.

"We've never really had one person who's handled fund-raising," he said. "We should do even better next year."

Members of the Fall Festival Board and their community group affiliation are Carolyn Simons, Arts Council and public relations chairperson; Cindy Fullerton, Business and Professional Women; Barb Hanosh, Canton Tennis Boosters and membership chairperson; Karen Bliven, CAPA of Michigan; Sue Clark, Chamber of Commerce and treasurer; Kathy Turnquist, Ciyitan, vice president

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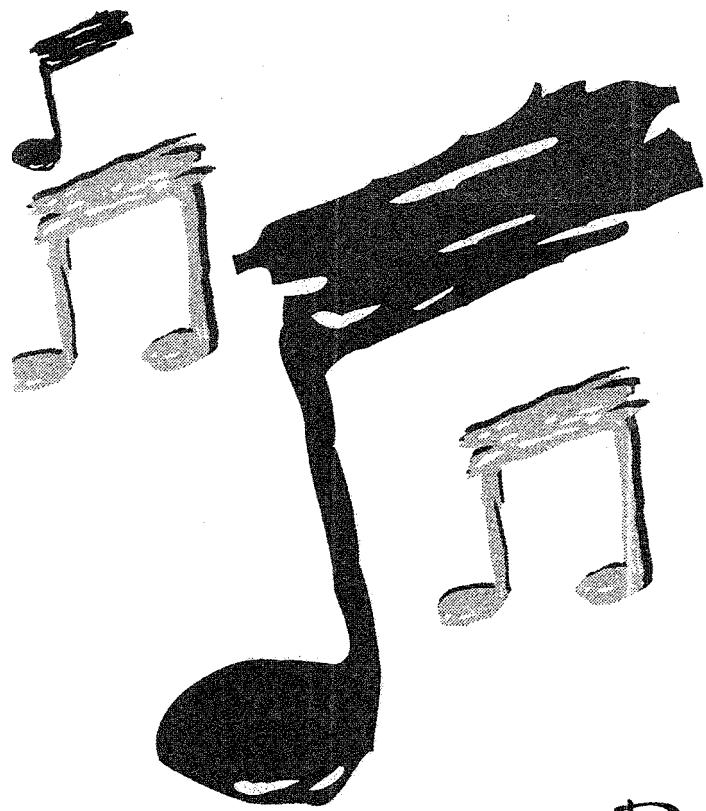


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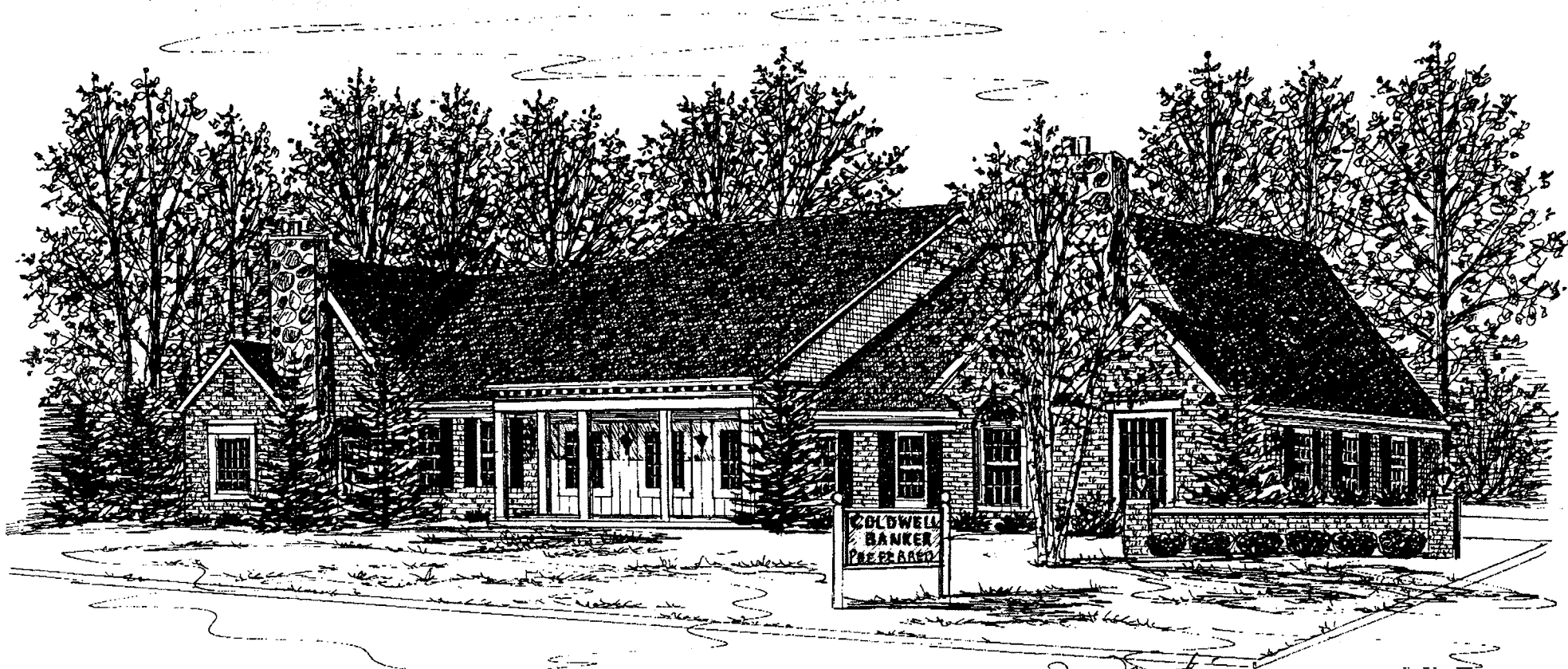
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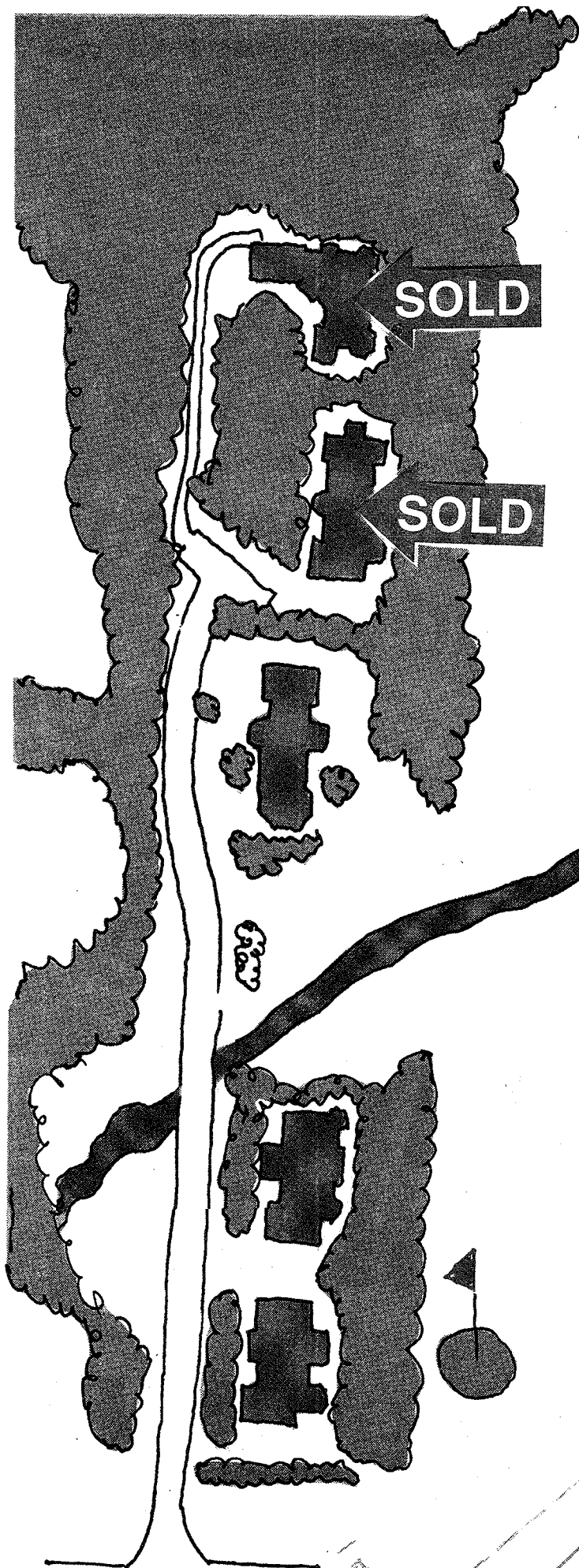
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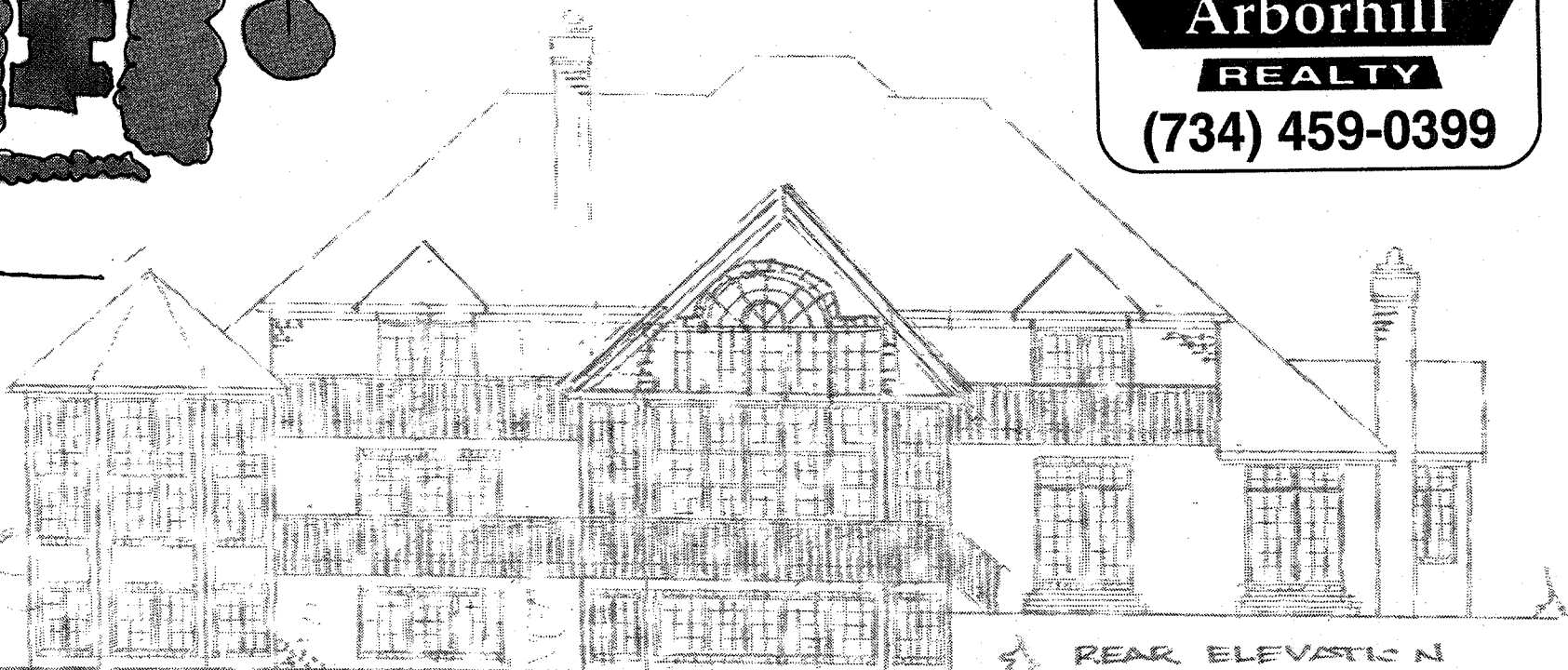
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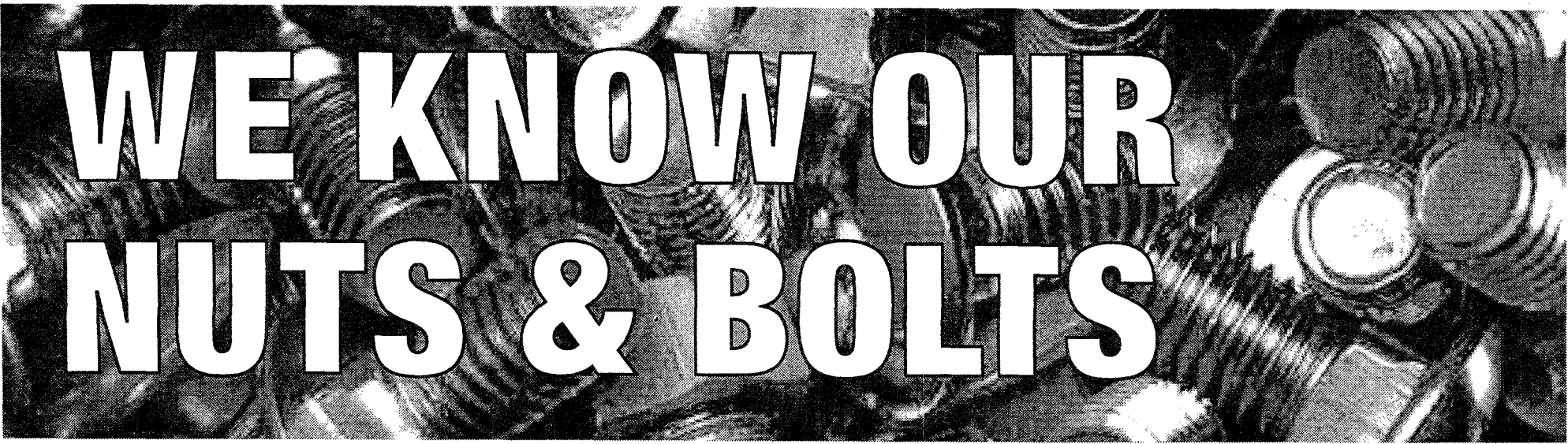
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Taking it in stride

Last year's vice-president takes over as president this year, and that suits him fine

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Curt Lamar has enjoyed his experience as president of this year's Fall Festival so much, that he said he hopes to do it again next year.

If so, Lamar, who was vice-president of last year's festival board, will be following in the footsteps of past president, Dr. Clark Smith.

Smith was the festival president for both 1996 and 97, which broke the tradition of having a new president every year. It also paved the way for a new way of doing things, Lamar said.

Being president for a second term makes more sense, because the first year is spent simply learning the job, according to Lamar.

"It used to be that as soon as the president learned what they was doing, they would move on," Lamar said. A second term would allow a more efficient festival, and allow more training for the vice-president, who traditionally takes over for the president, he added.

Lamar's approach has been slightly different than Smith's, he said.

"I've tried to delegate things into different committee and then give them a free hand," Lamar said. "Then I just keep my eye on everything to make sure its running smoothly."

Lamar said in the past different aspects of the festival business have broken down into different committees. The board president sits on all of the committees and did much of the work, he said.

"This year I stressed other people getting involved," he said.

Some of the duties Lamar delegated included public relations and filling the festival's entertainment schedule — more difficult this year because of the addition of an extra stage.



Curt Lamar (left) this year's Fall Festival Board President has many changes in mind for the festival. He's helped in his quest to provide the most efficient, organized event by last year's co-managers Fred Eagle, Jay Horsely, and Ken Holmes. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

Previously, Smith rounded up entertainment and split public relations duties with festival manager Ken Holmes.

The system has worked well enough for Lamar to suggest another committee for next year's festival — fund-raising.

Lamar said he learned a lot under Smith's tutelage, and plans to continue some of the ideas Smith advanced.

"Clark's been great. He's stayed on behind the scenes and has helped out a lot," Lamar said. "I think it really helped having him serve a second term. It really got us going in the right direction."

Last year's festival, and this year's fund-raising was successful enough for the festival board to pay a portion of their city

bills early this year, Lamar said.

"It's one of the things I'm proud of is getting the festival back on sound financial ground," he said.

It's been a very rewarding experience. It's been a challenge working with the number of community groups.

— Curt Lamar
Fall Festival president

Lamar said he's had a good crew to work with. Many of the festival board members returned again this year, and Holmes, along

with co-managers Fred Eagles and Jay Horsly returned to their respective tasks.

"It worked out very well for us last year," Holmes said. "It spread out the responsibilities and allowed each of us some time off. We didn't have to be there all day, every day."

Lamar said he will volunteer to helm the festival next year, as well.

"It's actually been a very rewarding experience, and a lot of fun. It's been a real challenge working with the number of community groups," he said. "If they'll have me, I'll volunteer again for the sake of continuity. I haven't seen anyone raise their hands yet."

CONTESTS

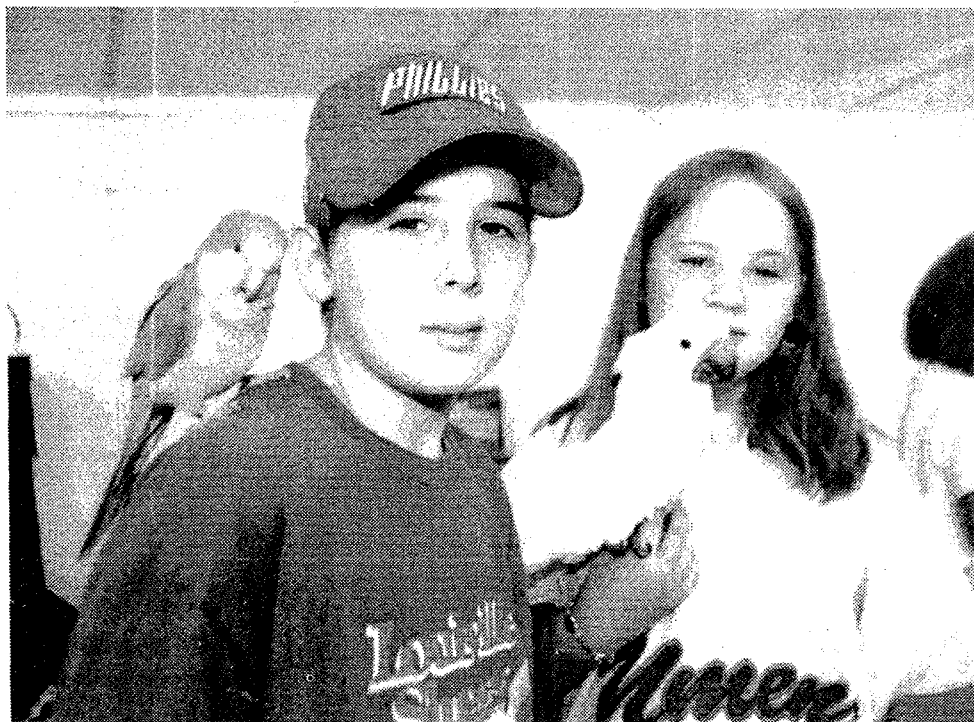
Optimist pet show Saturday

"Last year two girls came up to me and asked if they could enter their caterpillar into our pet contest," says Felix Rotter, Plymouth Optimist member. "I asked how long the caterpillar had been their pet and they said 'Five Minutes. We found it in the park.'"

Although there was no caterpillar category, Rotter was happy to oblige the enthusiastic girls. He created a new caterpillar show. Snakes, turtles and rabbits have been known as contestants too, Rotter said.

Caterpillars won't be the only exotic pets at this year's pet show. Snakes, turtles and rabbits have been known as contestants, too.

Year in, year out, the Optimist pet show is one of the more entertaining events at the Fall Fest. The show is broken down into two



contests. Starting at 9 a.m. Saturday morning, the show begins the odds-and-ends dog show. Contestants are judged in a cast of categories, including longest ears, tail and snout.

Then at 10 a.m., "We judge the unusual," says Rotter, who has served at pet show MC for the past seven years. Everything is eligible, from the creepy to the crawly to the slimy.

"One year a woman brought in a 15 foot snake she said she kept in her living room," Rotter said.

Finally, there is the cat show. Where participants often dress up their less-than-willing feline friends.

Every participant is interviewed by Rotter and receives a participation ribbon for playing.

A table will be set up in front of the entertainment stage. Interested parties can sign up for the pet show the day of the event.

Any left-over proceeds from the events are donated to area children's hospitals and schools.

New Morning School offers kids' games

New Morning School is bringing their popular 'mini-midway' back to the Fall Festival this year, with many special contests and activities just for kids.

The booth will be located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, just down the street from the children's rides. Kids will be able to partake of many popular arts and crafts activities such as spin art and sand art as well as try out their hand in games of skill.

"It's always a lot of fun," said co-ordinator Anne Murray.

Kids will be able to shoot hoops at a mini-basketball net; go for an ace on the putting green and fish for prizes in the duck pond.

Prizes will be available, from small beanie-babie type stuffed animals to larger pillow stuffed animals and puppets, according to Murray.

Games will range in price from .50 to \$1.

The booth will also provide face painting and hair wraps, Murray said.

"It's where you take one strand of hair and wrand it with thread and beads," Murray said. "We'll also sell already made wraps that you can clip into your hair."

All profits go to New Morning School, which is a non-profit co-op school for dtudents from Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Throw a pie, hit a cheerleader for charity

It's really an art, this pie throwing. It takes good aim and a certain flick of the wrist to pop the pie where you want it to go. And when the recipient is willing and ready to accept the creamy slap, it's that much more fun.

Again this year's Fall Fest will feature cheerleaders from Canton High School putting their faces in the firing line. In addition to selling snow cones, the cheerleaders are hosting the pie toss to raise money for their various school-year events and trips.



Friday night is Bingo night in The Gathering

The Business and Professional Women will be presenting their annual evening of Bingo.

With a total of \$2,000 in prizes given away, organizer Cindy Fullerton said the event is always popular and crowded.

"We have people show up hours early just so they can get the same seat as last year," Fullerton said.

Fullerton said jackpot prizes range from \$10 to \$500 during the Friday night event.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and

the first numbers will be called at 6:30, Fullerton said.

The BPW will also sell bingo supplies, chips and pop.

The BPW establishes scholarship funds for women in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area returning to

school, or returning to a job that requires additional training, Fullerton said. Funds raised during Bingo go to support those scholarships.

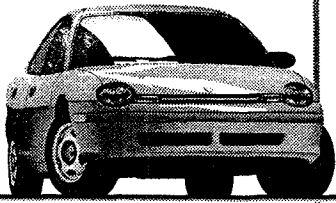

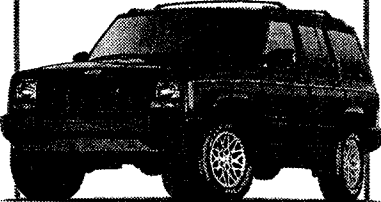


Numbers will be called until 9:30 Friday night, for bingo buffs 18 and older.

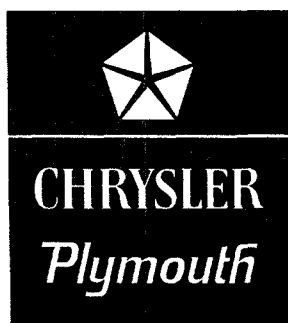
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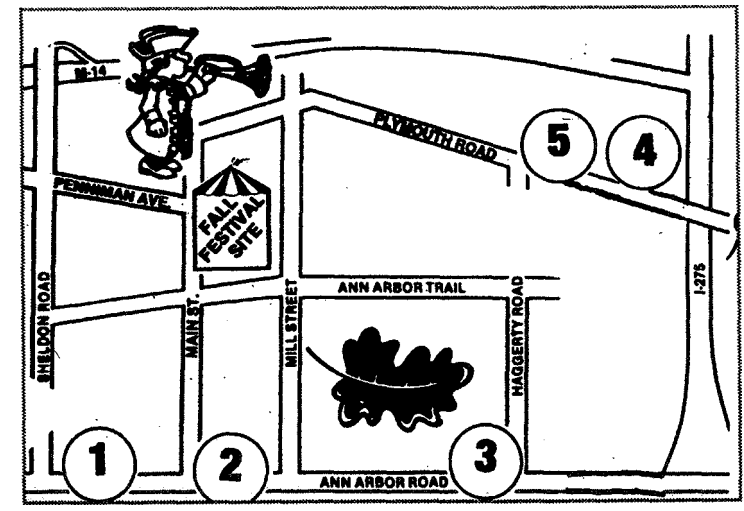
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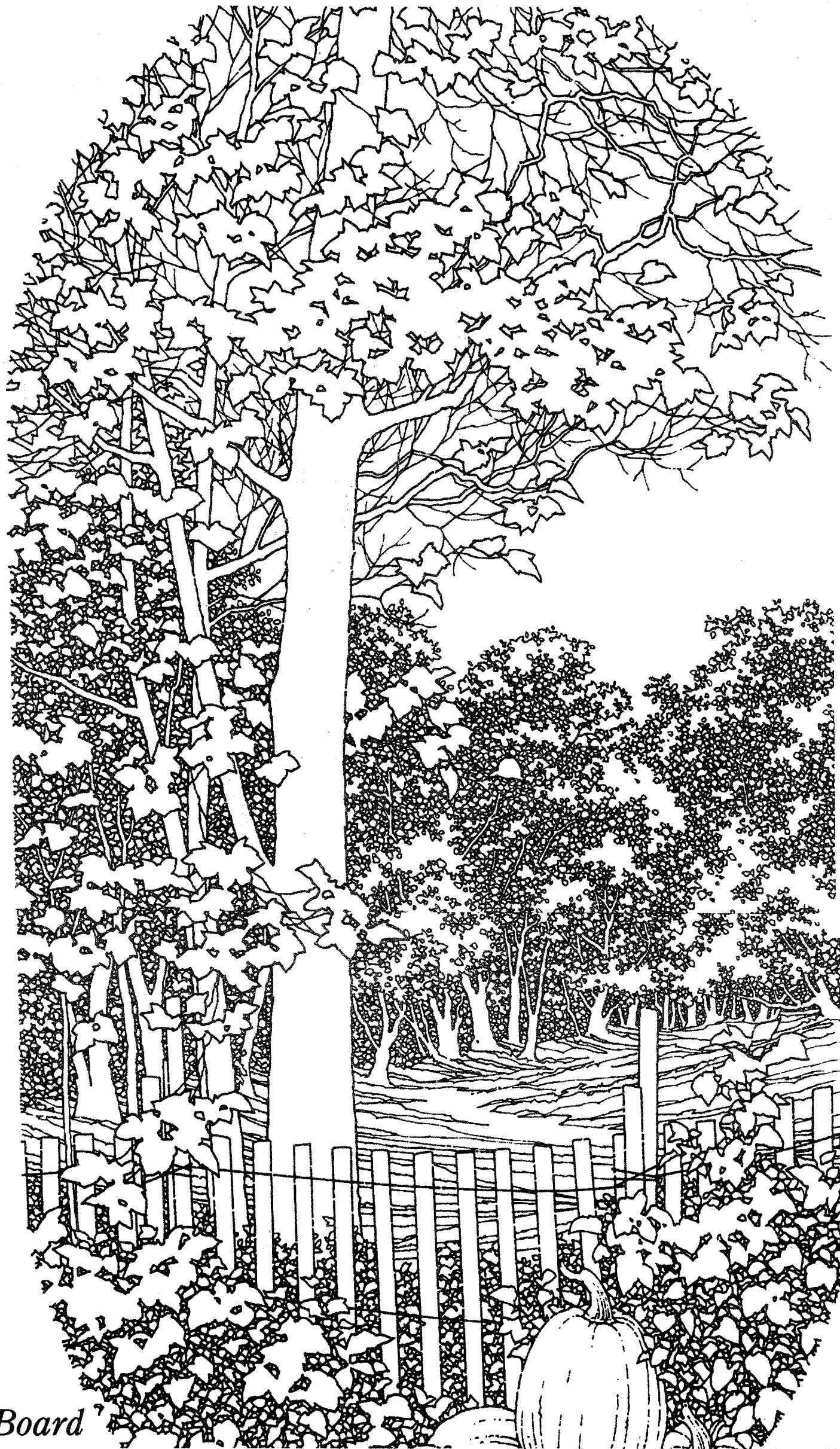
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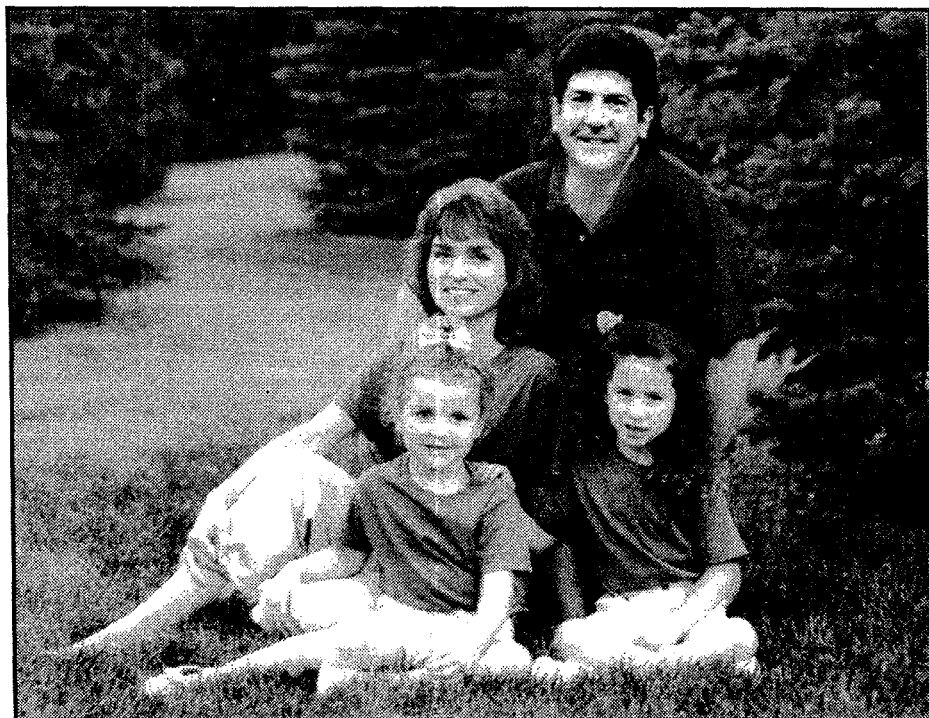


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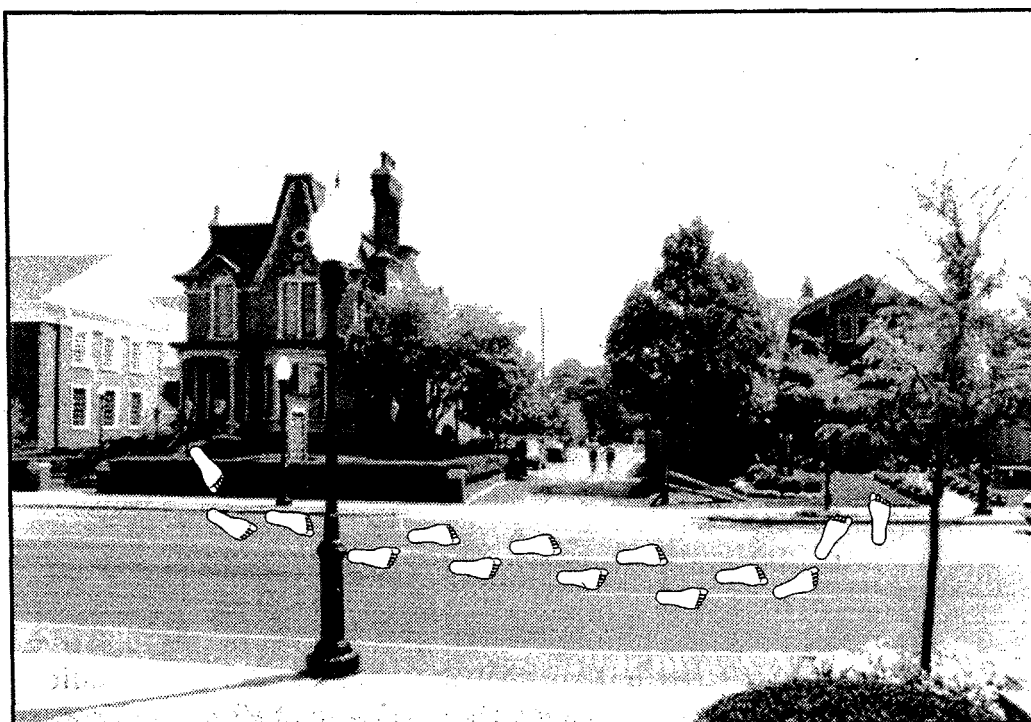
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BOOTHS

Gyros, shishkabob: popular Fest treats

Shish Kabob — *n.* A dish of seasoned meat, often with onions, tomatoes or green peppers, roasted and served on skewers.

Gyro — *n.* A sandwich made usually of sliced roasted lamb, onion and tomato stuffed in pita bread.

The American Heritage Dictionary sees it one way, but when the food is melting in your mouth at the Fall Fest, you might see it in a more scrumptious way.

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church will again this year offer Fest goers a chance to find meaning in their favorite Greek specialties. In addition to the Gyros and shish kabobs, they will offer a variety of pastries for the sweet tooth.

According to Ken Strom, organizer of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary booth, Fall Fest is one of their most-anticipated fundraising events of the year.



Thousands of Fest goers will crowd the streets, which will be closed off for the three-day festival. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

St. Joseph Urgent Care offers first aid, info

If you skin your knee at Fall Fest, or scrape your elbow or twist your knee fighting through the crowds at the chicken barbecue, never fear, the St. Joseph Urgent Care is here.

Offering first aid and health education, the St. Joseph booth is a handy addition for the busy hours of Fall Fest.

In addition, the nurses will also be offering free health risk assessments.

Participants will be asked to fill out Scantron questionnaires about their health habits. The questionnaires are run through a machine which spits out the printed results.

This is the first year the RN's at St. Joseph have ran a tent at Fall Fest, Miller says. Recipes for healthy eating will be available for those looking to turn a more nutritional leaf.

Thirsty? Slake thirst the natural way: H2O

The Plymouth Lions Club booth is open for business again this year. And they'll offering a simple, yet effective break for the usual Fall Fest tidal wave of sweetened drinks. They'll be selling water.

Plymouth-based Absopure water will be available in bottles for thirsty Fest goers. Given the continuing surge in popularity of bottled water, this should be a good seller for the club that has served Plymouth for more than 50 years.

In addition to the water, they will sell caramel apple chips and TCBY frozen yogurt. The booth will be open all weekend, starting at noon each day.

Hot dogs, bratwurst sold at Capa booth

Proceeds go to support children in the Arts, dance competitions and tournaments



The Children for the Advancement of Performing Arts (CAPA) are living up to their name at the Fest.

In addition to their 3 p.m. Saturday performance, CAPA is manning a booth selling hot dogs, bratwurst and nachos, according to coordinator Karen Blivens.

"Last year was our first year and hopefully we'll de even better this year," Blivens said.

Fund raising is nothing new to the CAPA folks, Blivens said. They normally man food stands at the Palace of Auburn Hills at

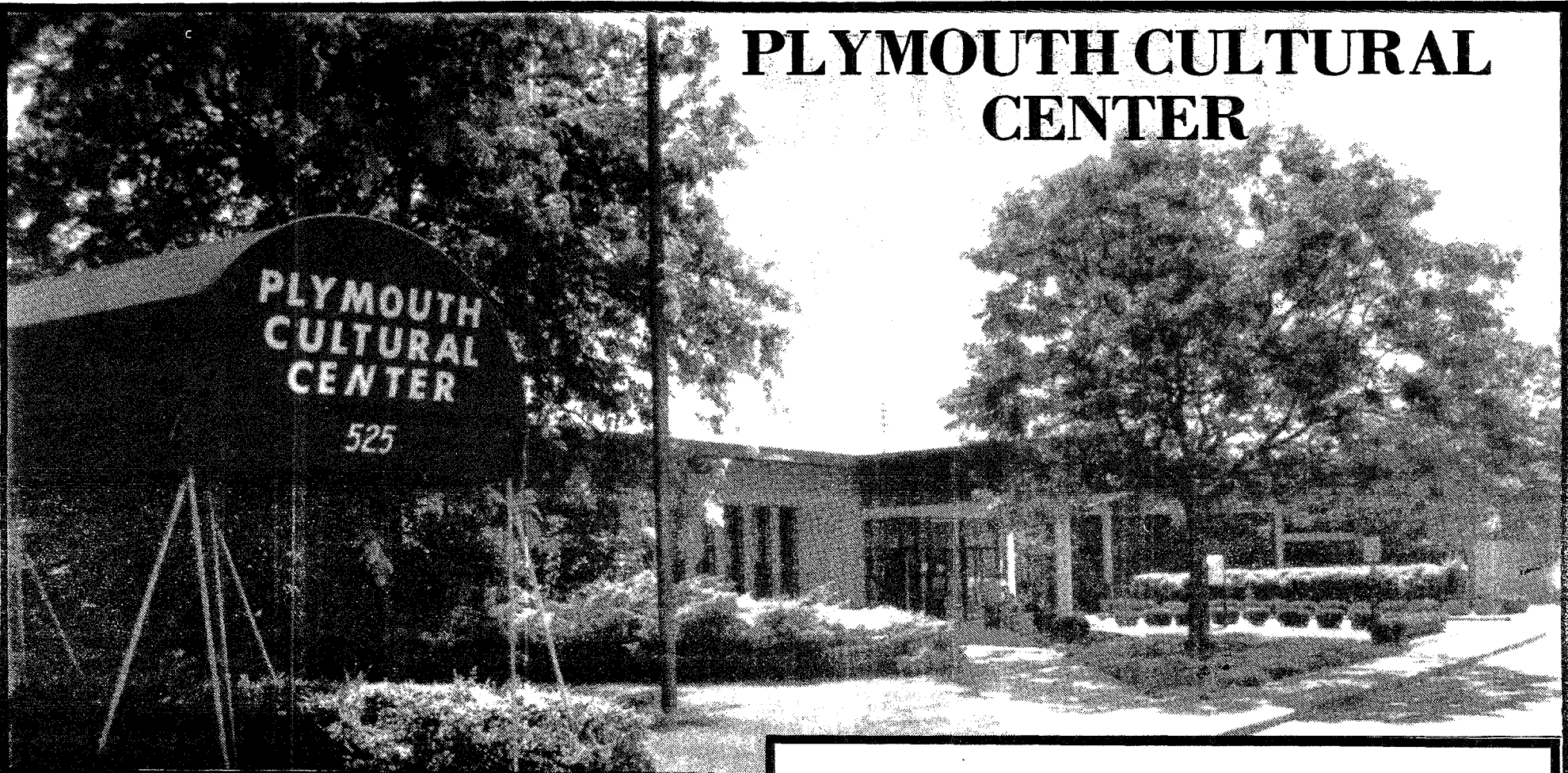
Pistons, Vipers and Detroit Shock games, and at concerts at Pine Knob.

"It works out pretty well," Blivens said. "It's a lot of fun and it's interesting to see the different kinds of people that attend the events."

Proceeds go to help ease the costs of CAPA performances, such as the recent Dance Educators of America 1998 National Tournament, where members of CAPA and Canton's Masters of Dance Studio earned platinum honors.



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Chili, fries keys to new piano for RLDS

Every bowl of Chili, every basket of fries, every \$1 pretzel sold is music to the congregation's ears at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

A portion of the proceeds from their booth at the Fall Festival will go to replace the church's ailing piano, according to Cheryl Shannon.

The booth will sell bowls of chili, chili and chili-cheese fries, soft pretzels and beverages. Prices range from \$1 - \$3.

Part of the money will go into the church general fund, Shannon said, and will support their youth group camps and improvements at the church. Located on Ridge Road between Powell and North Territorial, the church has an enrollment of roughly 300, according to Shannon. A new piano would benefit them all, she said. "Especially the piano player. It's falling apart."

Beanie babies seen at Salem tennis booster booth

If you're looking for the Salem High School Tennis booth at this year's Fall Festival, look beyond the mob of people.

The tennis boosters are taking the proverbial bull by the horns for their first Fall Festival appearance, and selling the one thing everyone is looking for: Beanie Babies.

"We've got a lot to sell," said Coach Tom Kimball. We've got new one, old ones and retired ones."

Kimball said in addition to the popular toys, which they will sell for \$5 a piece, the boosters will also unofficially raffle off sets of rare beanie babies. The rare sets include a glory bear and a Princess Di bear.

"It won't be an official raffle,"

Kimball said. "We'll be accepting donations and passing out tickets."

Kimball said boosters will split the proceeds of the sale with the tennis team, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and to purchase a new weight room for CEP. Kimball said the Salem Rock Shop, the school's store, allowed the team to buy the store's summer shipment — about 2,000 pieces — at cost.

With that many Beanie Babies to sell, Kimball said he expects to have a busy weekend.

"We'll have 10 people working at the booth at any given time," he said. "We think we're going to be one of the more popular booths."

Popcorn wagon, onion ring booth return for Kiwanians

Divide and conquer is once again the fund-raising philosophy of the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth.

In addition to their Sunday morning all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, which feeds about 2,000 hungry fest goers every year, the Kiwanis will provide two booths with treats, according to Curt Lamar.

The Club will man their popular popcorn wagon, an old-fashioned wagon selling, you guessed it: popcorn. The popcorn is a popular item with fest goers, Lamar said.

The other Kiwanis booth will sell

onion rings, soda and water, which can supplement meals at nearby booths, Lamar said.

Lamar said the Kiwanis works with a number of children's organizations such as Mott's Hospitals, but their main goal is wiping out Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD).

"It's one of the main causes the Kiwanians works for," Lamar said.

The Kiwanis also sponsors scholarships and recognition programs for area students, according to Lamar.



Optimists sell balloons, hand-made kaleidoscopes

If you look at life and see the beauty in it, you're an optimist. And if you look at a flashlight and see a kaleidoscope, you're probably a Plymouth-Canton Optimist.

When P-C Optimist Felix Rotter saw kaleidoscopes for sale on a recent trip, he imagined a new item for sale at the club's Fall Fest booth.

The service club, already known for its balloon sales and pet show during the Fest, will add hand-made kaleidoscopes to their fundraisers. Rotter built each of the 120-odd kaleidoscopes for sale at the Festival,

and he's willing to part with them for about \$12.

Rotter, who also runs the Optimist Pet Show (Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m.), made the kaleidoscopes from flashlight bodies, mirrors and a handful of colored whatnots.

Money raised at the festival goes toward projects such as refurbishing the Canon Park gazebo in Lower Town, maintenance of Optimists Park at Sheldon Road and Elm Street, and the \$1,500 scholarship given to the winner of the Optimists middle school oratorical contest.

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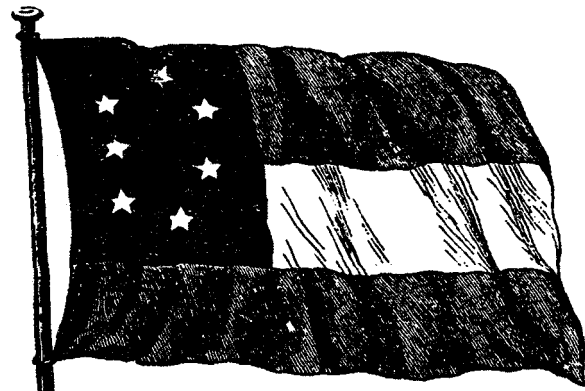


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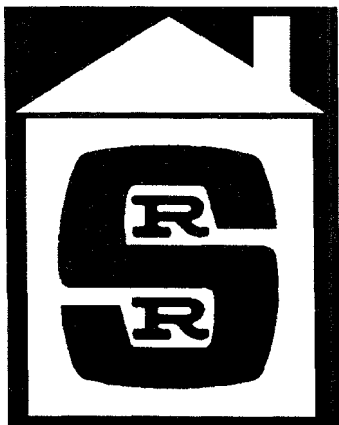
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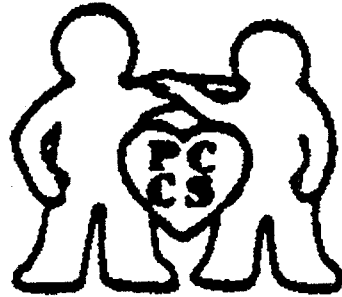
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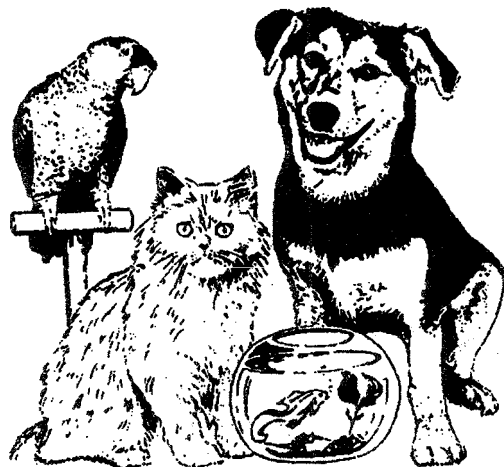
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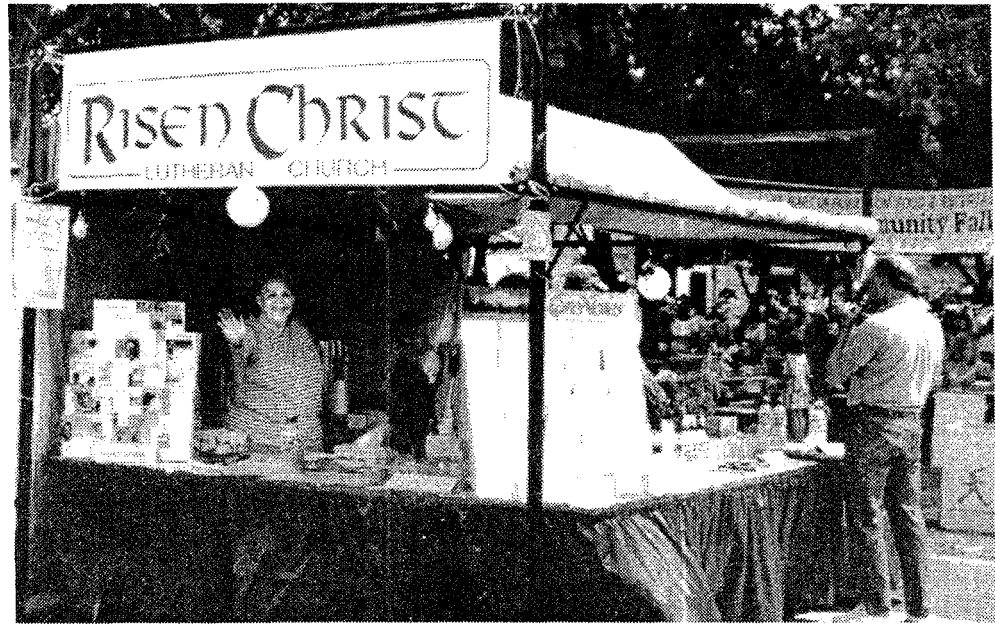
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BOOTHS

RCL booth: reach out and touch someone



The Risen Christ Lutheran Church booth has always been about branching out, said volunteer Erika Ingle.

"The reason we got involved in the Fall Festival was community outreach," she said. "We're just hoping to get our name out."

RCLC is adding to their usual sale of cookies and brownies this year by selling baked potatoes and sweet potatoes, Ingle said.

"We'll have a bar with several different toppings available; butter, sour cream or bacon bits," she said. "For the sweet potatoes we'll have a cinnamon and brown sugar sauce. It's so delicious. My husband and I are vegetarians, and that's one reason why we wanted to do something different."

Ingle said that in previous years of selling cookies and brownies, the booth had never turned a profit. With the extra selections, she said she hopes to raise more funds, but the booth is primarily there for name recognition.

"That's really why we're doing this," Ingle said. "It would be nice if we made some money, but we really just want the community to know we're here."

Tennis boosters buy equipment with lemonade sales

Heaving hills. Deep valleys. Pools of newly fallen rain, and a brisk wind out of the west. To campers, this might sound like an idyllic locale.

But it's actually a description of Canton High School's tennis courts, and to the Canton Tennis Boosters, it sounds like trouble.

Since 1994, the club has taken on projects to make it easier for boys

and girls to play tennis at Canton High School. Most often, according to club founder Barb Hanosh, the boosters pay for uniforms, warm-up suits and team trips and tournaments.

Most of this is done with money made at the Fall Fest, she said. The club's booth sells hand-made lemonade and strawberry-lemonade, mixed with fresh juices, some sugar

and a "special ingredient," then shaken to the perfect mix. Glasses cost \$2 - \$3.

The booth is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year, according to Hanosh. Right now, that's enough to defray the costs of equipment and traveling.

In the future, though, she said the club would like to make enough to

help rebuild the tennis courts which are now cracked and uneven in spots. Pooling rainwater speeds up court deterioration.

The club's bank account can't approach such a project now, Hanosh said. But every lemonade sold at the Fest brings 75 tennis players closer to the idyllic court: flat, dry and still.

Twp. police share advice, 'fatal vision,'

The Police Township Police will once again be putting on a convincing display at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street.

The Seat Belt Convincer will

make another appearance, along with the Rollover Machine, devices designed to promote traffic safety.

According to Ofc. Jamie Senkbeil, curious festival goers can

climb into the seat belt convincer and take part in a simulated crash. An officer spins the Rollover Machine, sending a crash test dummy through a simulated rollover

accident.

"We can't let anyone into that," she said. "There are liability issues."

They will also demonstrate 'fatal vision' goggles, which are safety-type goggles that simulate the effects of drunkenness. Officers will be on hand to ask subjects to perform field sobriety tests, such as walking a straight line or standing on one foot, while wearing the goggles.

"It really throws your balance off," Senkbeil said. "Your mental capacities are still there, but your balance isn't."

The township police will promote other types of safety, such as home safety and bike safety, too. They will be passing out brochures on their D.A.R.E. program and giving out tips on how to travel safely and drive safely and how to avoid certain scams.

Perennial Exchange Saturday

The Trailwood Garden Club is scaling back their Fall Festival activities this year, according to club president Georgia Randinitis.

The garden club, which had sponsored several contests in previous years, is having a perennial exchange Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

"Perennials need to be divided to grow well," Randinitis said. "They get too crowded and to make them to grow better people divide them."

Randinitis said any type of perennial is acceptable for the

exchange, which will take place at the tent on Union Street near the Wilcox House, as long as they are healthy and identified.

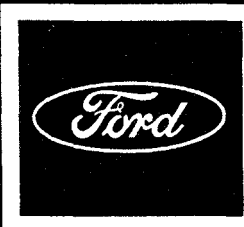
Randinitis said the garden club's contests were discontinued because of low community participation.

Last year's garden club exhibit only worked because the weather was ideal, Randinitis said. The Fall Festival Board promised to produce a tent for the exhibit at the cost of \$100, but never came through. After some last minute scrambling, the club managed to find some dining

canopies to use, but they wouldn't have stood up to inclement weather, according to Randinitis.

Beside that, turnout for the contests, which included dried flower arrangements and the garden faces contest was low, Randinitis said.

"If we had good participation I wouldn't be opposed to supplying our own tent, but we just don't have the participation," Randinitis said. "Maybe if enough people miss it we'll have the contests next year. I really think that's what Fall Festival is all about."



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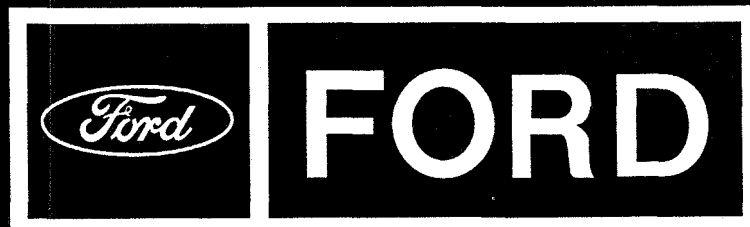
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Throughout the day, the student-run station will break from its eclectic modern rock programming to provide reports from the Fest and interviews with performers and

community and student groups.

If you're still downtown, stop by the simulcast site to pick up bumper stickers, program guides and copies of the recently published WSDP history.

Friday night will be special, too, as the station broadcasts from the top C.E.P. Stadium with Salem's first home football game versus Churchill High School.

Plymouth newcomers looking for members

Like their namesake, the Plymouth Newcomers are one of the new booths at this year's Fall Festival.

"Our purpose is just to get the word out," said membership coordinator Christine Jackson.

To that end, the newcomers will be sponsoring a children's coloring contest during Festival hours. Judging will take place by an as-yet-

to-be-determined celebrity judge at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jackson said.

Winning entries will receive prizes, but Jackson said.

"We'll have a sketch of the new fountain that children can color, and while they're waiting we have a chance to talk to their parents about activities the newcomers offer," Jackson said.

Although festival rules prevent any

booths from handing out literature, Jackson said their will be members on hand to answer questions and take names and addresses. They will then mail information out, Jackson said.

The Plymouth Newcomers have regular monthly meetings, which are more like social gatherings, Jackson said. The first meeting is scheduled for Sept. 17, and was purposely delayed a week to take advantage of

the festival.

"We wanted everyone to come in at the same level," Jackson said.

Although the newcomers was originally designed to help families moving into the area acclimate and meet new people, the group has expanded their membership to include people who have been in the community for a while to meet new people, Jackson said.



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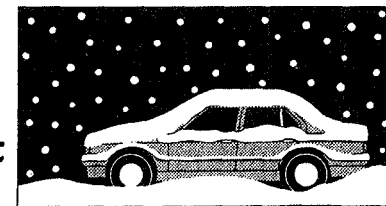
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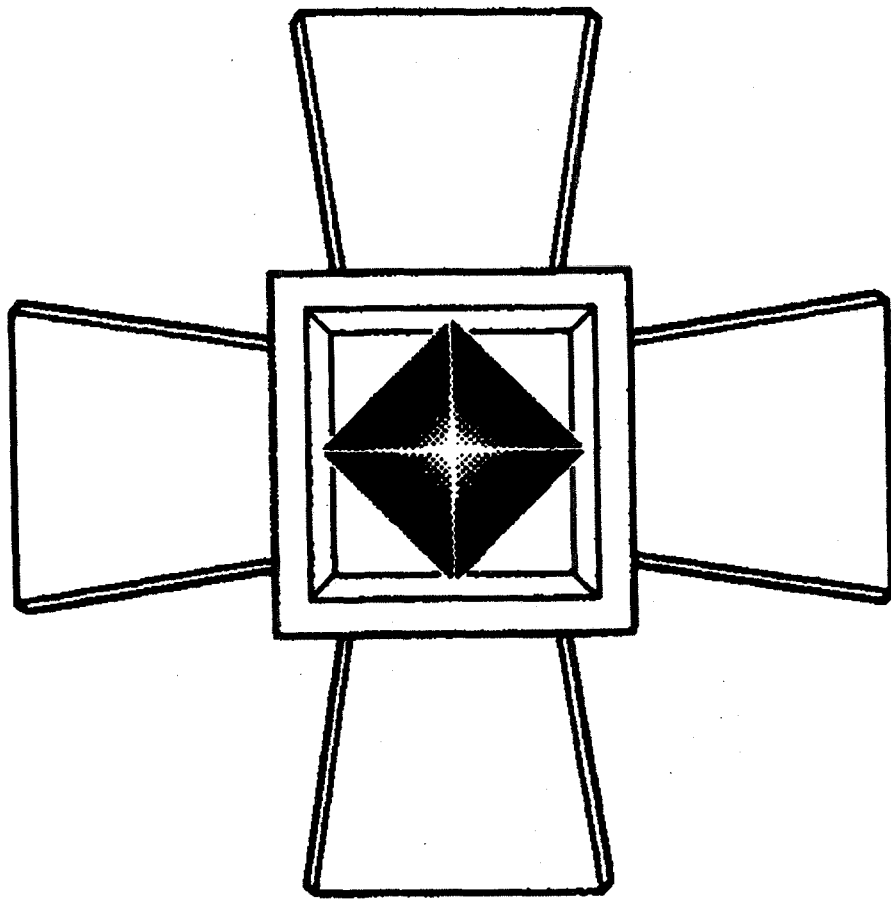
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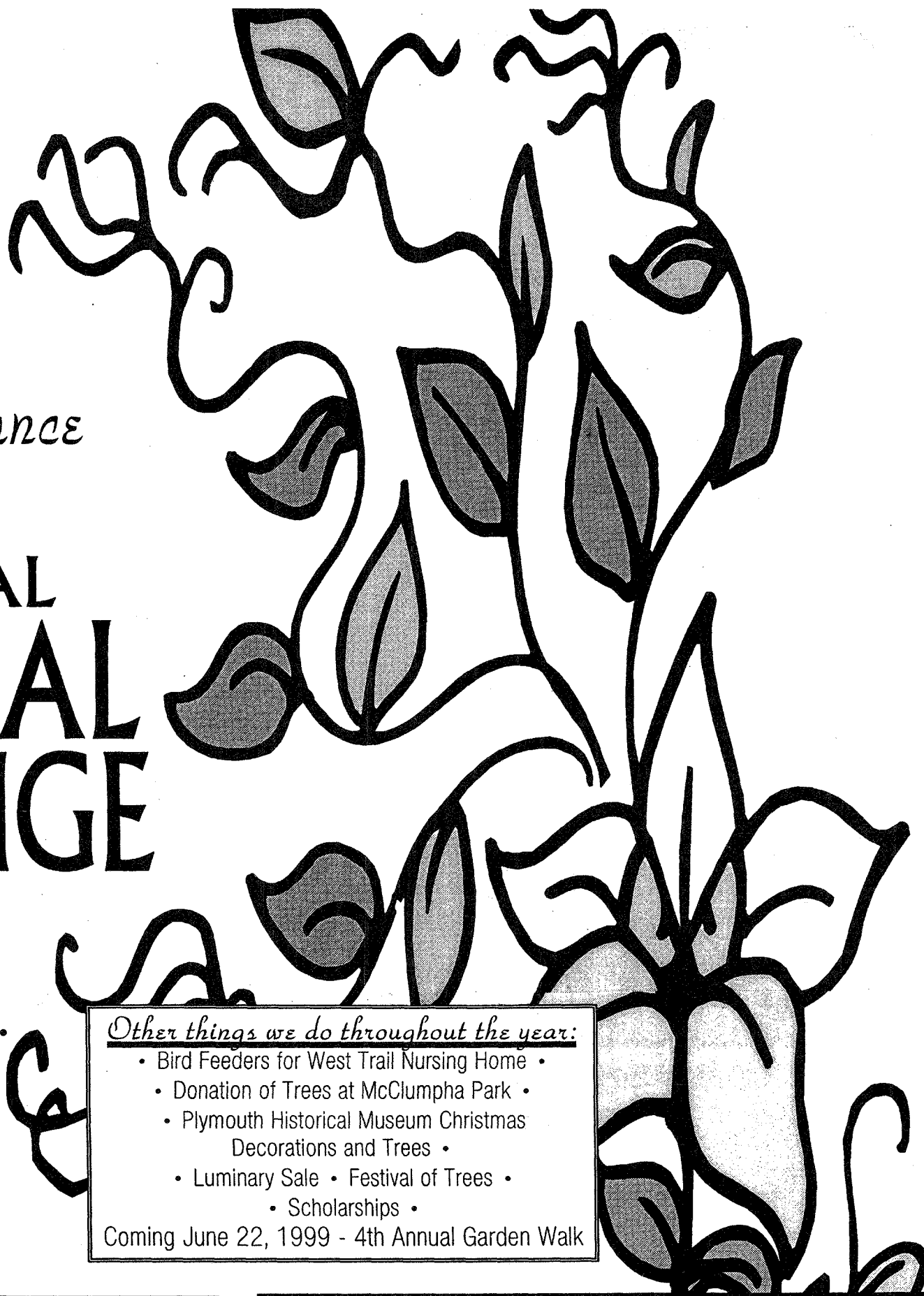
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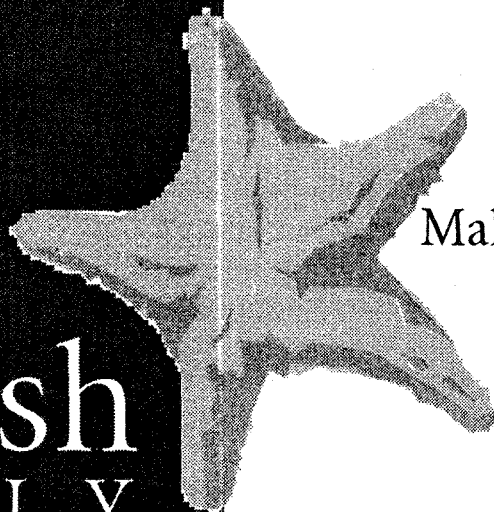
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OTHER FESTIVALS

Northville celebrates past at Victorian Festival

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

If Plymouth's Fall Festival doesn't completely sate your appetite for community-oriented fun, a number of other festivals are just a car ride away throughout the month of September and October.

By far the closest is next weekend's Northville Victorian Festival.

Taking place the 18-20, the Festival is a way Northville can celebrate its roots, according to Laurie Marrs, executive director of the Northville Chamber of

Commerce.

"It's truly like a step back in time," Marrs said. "Northville is a Victorian town, so what we're doing is celebrating our heritage."

For three days, downtown Northville will resemble Machinac Island. The downtown area will be blocked off, the Mill Race Village will be opened, and no cars will be allowed in town for the festival.

"We'll get around by horse and carriage," Marrs said.

Entertainment from Victorian-era performers will fill the streets and

community groups will sell food for fund-raisers, Marrs said.

And then there's the costumes.

"You'd be surprised how many people come in costume," Marrs said. "Women really get into it, Men dress in tuxedos and the kids are dressed up, too."

One of the highlights of the festival is the Saturday night ball, Marrs said. The elegant affair is like a page out of history. Everyone attending the ball is driven to the recreation center in a horse and carriage, where throngs of spectators

gather to view the costumes, Marrs said.

"It's like a world premiere," Marrs said.

Inside couples dance to a Victorian-style four piece band, dine on hors d'oeuvres take advantage of the cash bar, Marrs said.

Tickets for the ball are \$45. Most other events at the Victorian Festival are free, with the exception of the Victorian Home Tour and the Victorian Parlor tea. Tickets for the home tour are \$10, and the tea tickets are \$3, Marrs said.

Other communities beckon with festivals

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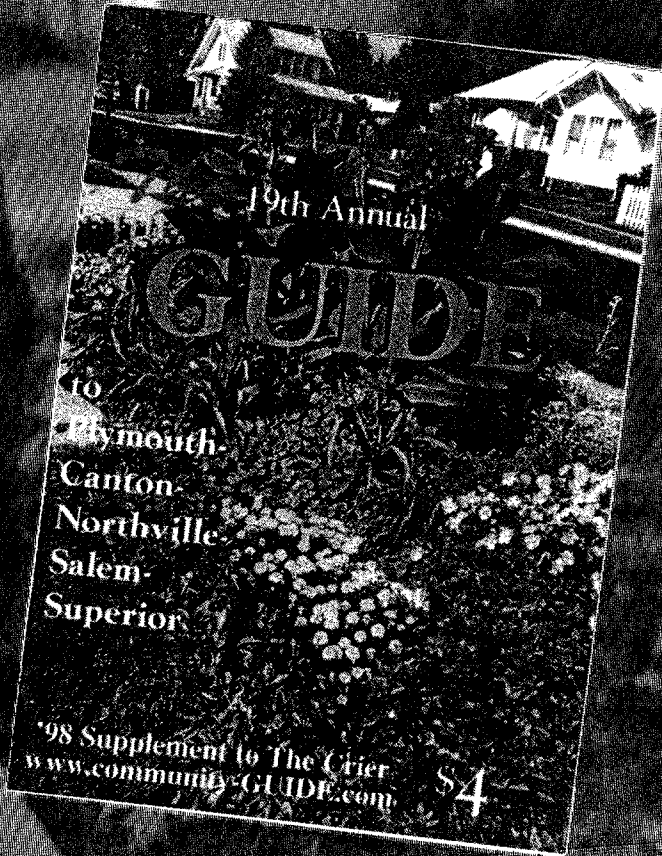
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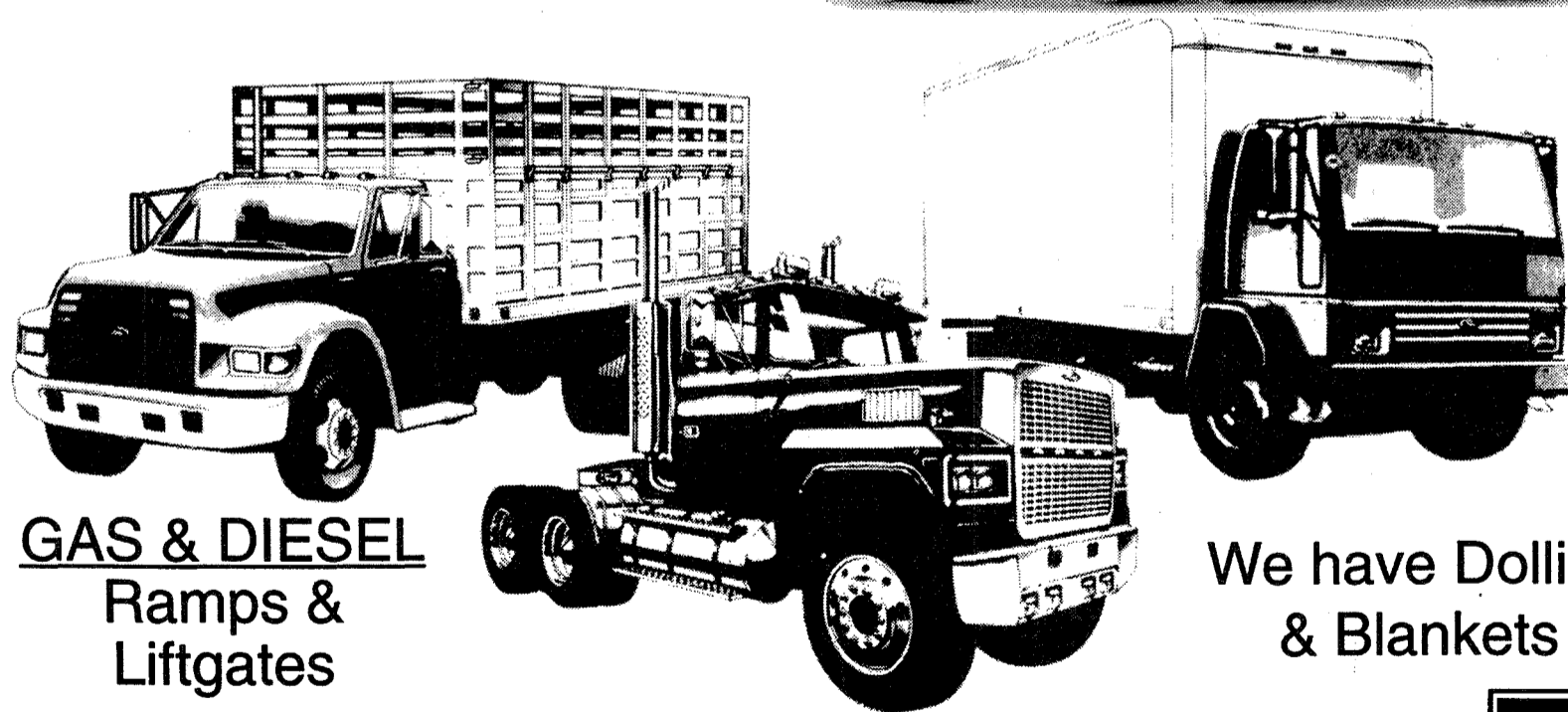
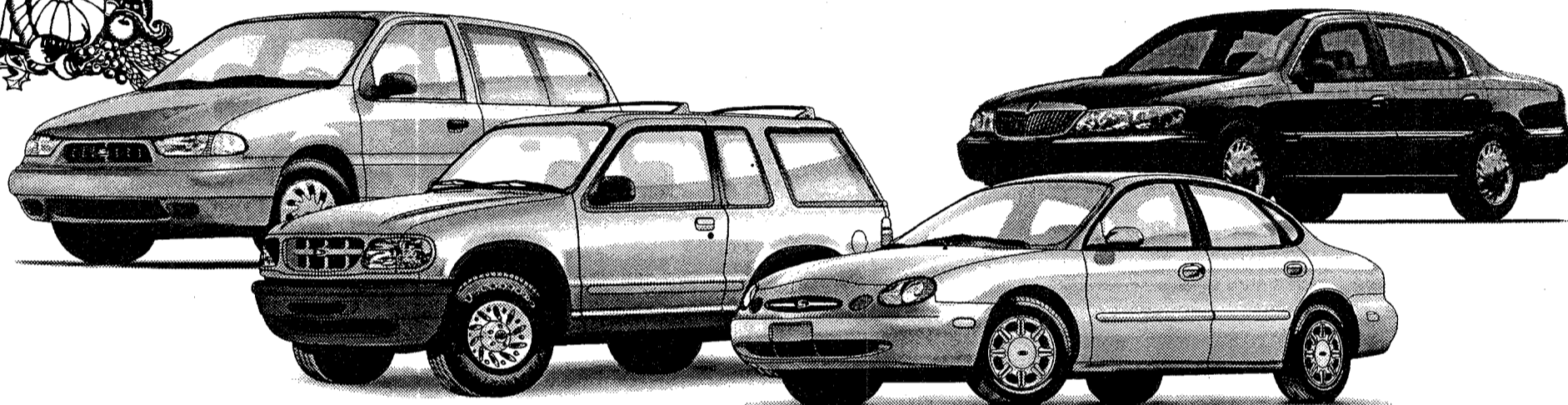
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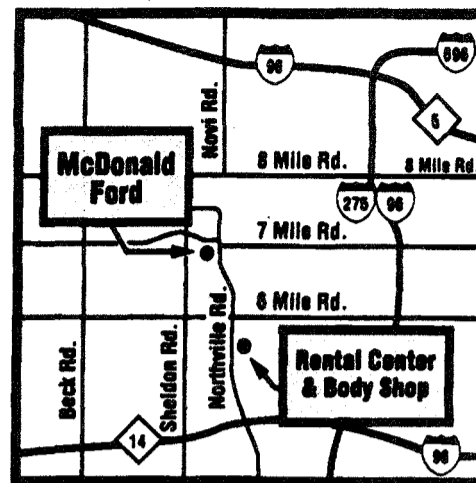
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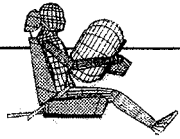
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Northville Twp. chef cooks heavenly fare

You name it, and Andrew Kile can cook it: Heavenly Cafe is a specialty caterer

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

A chef who hates menus isn't easy to find. But Heavenly Gourmet owner and chef Andrew Kile says he doesn't want to limit his customers.

"We don't tell people what they can pick from," he said. "Most people have in mind what they want to do, so everything is customized. We wanted to run a business the way they used to be run."

The catering company, which has been on 7 Mile in Northville for three years,

works with customers to constantly offer new options. Corporate customers who have meals delivered often appreciate this flexibility, according to Kile. "They always want something new," he said.

This customer-centered approach means the Gourmet "doesn't really have a specialty," Kile said. Having apprenticed at the Golden Mushroom and spent 7 years as head chef as Ann Arbor's

Moveable Feast, Kile can handle most any challenge that comes his way.

One client had a meeting for 400 with a 1950's TV theme. Kile's answer: 400 TV dinners, complete with sectional foil tray.

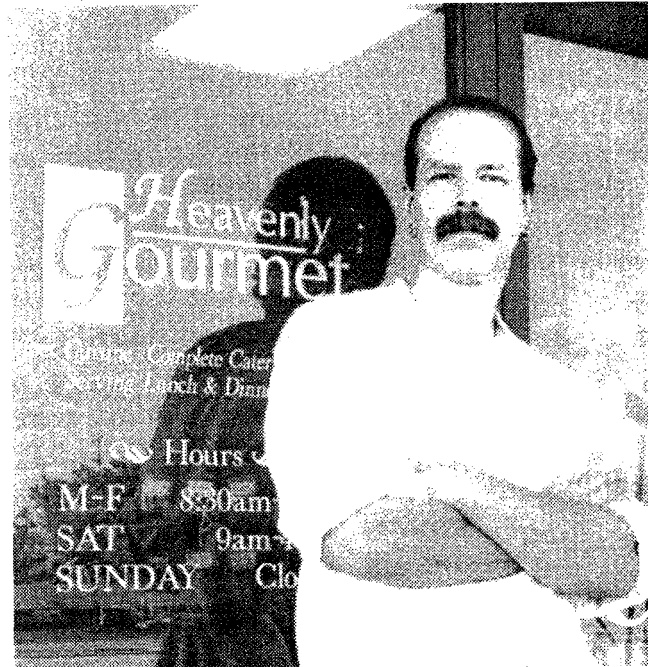
Kile said he went to the store to research common ingredients. "We had fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, salsbury steak, and mashed potatoes," he said.

For those who just want a sandwich, they've got them,

too. The Heavenly Gourmet operates a carry-out deli, and delivers sandwiches to local office buildings daily. Kile said their location isn't conducive to a lot of mothers with strollers meeting for lunch, but "guys in trucks about to climb a pole" keep the shop busy during lunch.

The Gourmet caters for weddings, dinners, small and large parties, corporate dinners, box lunches, picnics, and anything else customers come up with.

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Attracting our feathered friends

Plymouth shop is the source for bird watching knowledge

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Backyard Birds is a sanctuary of sorts.

The music is often serene, chirps and chimes laced with new age music. Large mirrored balls on pedestals at the front of the store reflect back the plethora of hanging bird houses and trinkets.

It is also a place of learning.

Owner Gary Phillips and his staff, expert bird watchers and attractors, are there to teach.

Need to know what seed will garner a flock of chickadees? Phillips and his staff can tell you.

Want to keep those pesky squirrels from munching all the seed? Phillips and his staff can show you how.

"Each person's backyard is its own unique ecosystem,"

Phillips says. "By sharing our knowledge and the shared knowledge of our customers, we are able to tailor both feeders and seed to each person's unique requirements."

Backyard Birds is a bird watcher's heaven. Unusually large for a store of its kind — it has been expanded to triple its original size — Backyard Birds is packed with everything from cherry-flavored suet to tricky squirrel feeders.

Opened in 1995, Backyard Birds has carved a particular out a niche in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Near the register, Phillips keeps a photographic record — his "book" and "board of fame" — of area bird watching triumphs, including pictures of hummingbirds, red-winged blackbirds and the elusive oriole.

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"Our link with the community is one of our greatest accomplishments," Phillips says. "We share stories and advice with our customers as to what works, and what doesn't, in attracting birds or critters into their yard."

When the store first opened, Phillips was a little weary of the reception in Plymouth. But the gamble has paid off.

"With custom blends of seed, bird feeders, bird houses and garden accents in an old-fashioned country store setting, we felt the Plymouth Community would enjoy this type of

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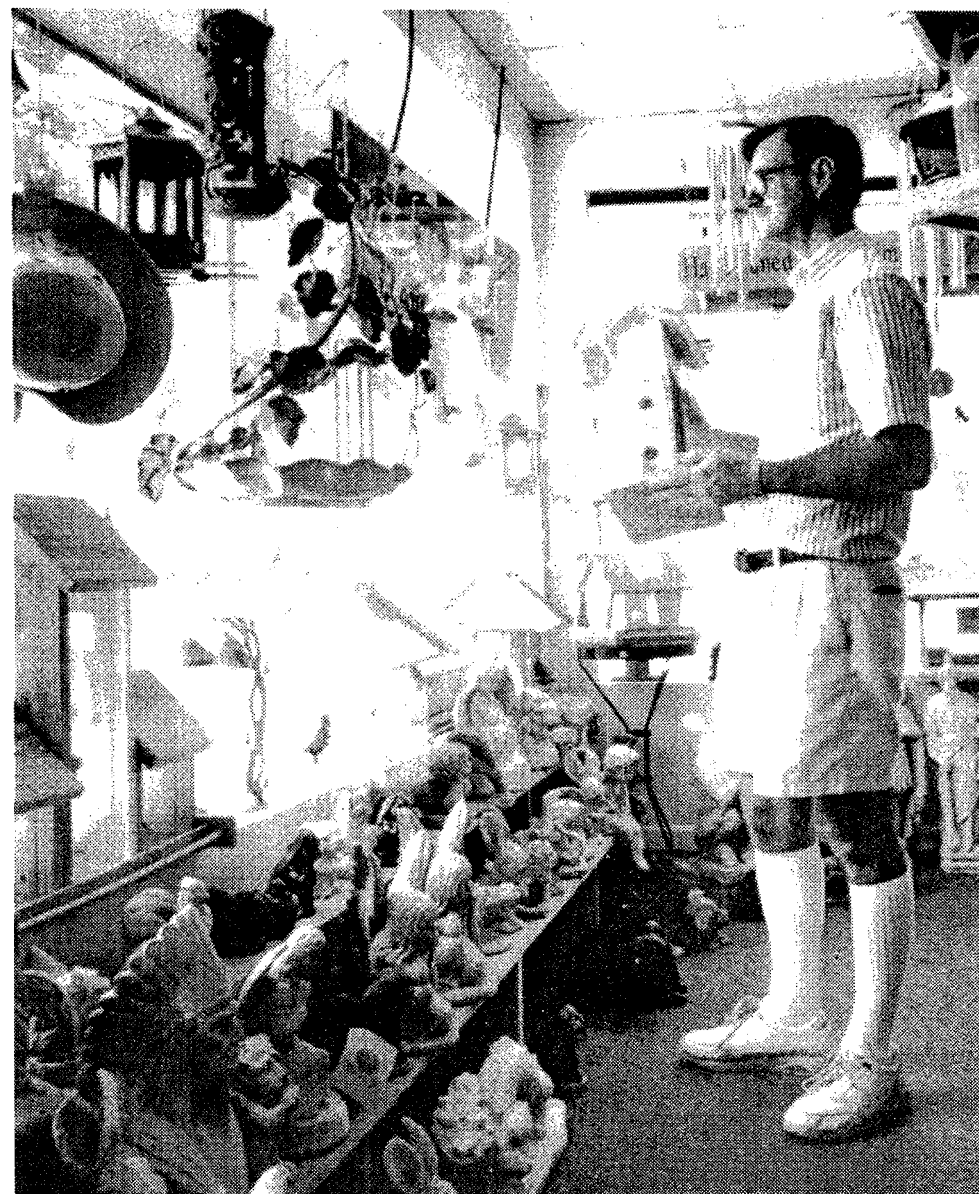
—Gary Phillips
Owner, Backyard Birds

store."

Among the more peculiar items sold at Backyard Birds are hummingbird feeders, squirrel feeders and backyard fountains. Also, unlike the grocery-store variety, Backyard Birds offers gourmet seed, selectively mixed for those fickle feathered friends.

"Our bird seed is our most important product," Phillips says. "What sets our blends apart from other stores' offerings is that our seed is always fresh and contains no fillers. Fillers being cheap seeds that birds don't eat but keep the price of a bag artificially low."

Phillips says the most popular type of seed is the "deluxe" blend, with over 70 per cent of all seed sales. It is "a rich mix of sunflower oiler, sunflower stripes, sunflower hearts, safflower, a tiny bit of millet and crushed oyster shell for



Owner Gary Phillips stands with some of his more popular model birdhouses. Some of the bird houses, made with creative ceramic design, are intended more for indoor decoration. But many are also designed specifically to attract certain birds like the hummingbird or oriole. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

their grit," says Phillips.

"Birds are a lot like people," he says. "They like to eat out at the finest eateries. They avoid feeders that are poorly designed or are filled with lesser quality seed."

Beginning its fourth year of business this September, Backyard Birds continues to increase its product line to include an array of yard accessories.

"We are customer driven," Phillips says. "We continually

bring in new products that our customers recommend we carry."

In the end, the shopping experience at Backyard Birds is about fun, says Phillips.

"If anything, from time to time speedy customer service takes a backseat to story telling and laughter," he says. "One of the things we have learned over the years is that when it comes to nature you can plan the event but never the outcome."

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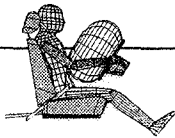
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They're not just selling Bibles, anymore

Religion provides a large business market, and Canton's Family Christian Stores taps it well

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BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When Family Christian Stores bought two Agape Booksellers — including the Ford Road location — in June, many people didn't notice the difference.

The sign may have been different, but the staff and the products were the same.

Those who did notice the difference noticed more products were available more readily, and virtually any Christian-related product could be found or ordered.

That's one of the benefits of now being part of a chain of about 280 stores in 35 states, according to manager Kevin Traub.

"We have a computer system in the home office that we can call in, tell what we're looking for and we can find out where the product is an any of our stores," Traub said. "Chances are we've got it somewhere and we can have it sent here."

Family Christian Stores sells more than just Bibles. They have an entire range of Christian products, from videos and music to Testaments —

Christian candy.

"People are really amazed at the breadth of the products," Traub said. "It's overwhelming."

Located in the New Towne Centre shopping plaza at Ford

and Sheldon roads, the store contains any product a Christian could want and some they didn't know existed. There are religious-



Kevin Traub, manager of Family Christian Stores (FCS) in Canton, shows just some of the wares available at the business. FCS bought out Agape Booksellers in June. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

oriented greeting cards, t-shirts, hats, music, games, computer software and a growing section of fiction, to name just a few.

Many of the fiction titles center around the end times, Traub said. A current Christian best seller is the 'Left Behind' series — four novels that deal with the events described in Revelations.

Software applications include Bible study programs, some of which include mapping

components. When studying a particular verse, story or person, the software displays where the events take place on a world map, Traub said.

"At first the software wasn't up to the secular standards, but now they are on the same level," Traub said. "Some of them are better."

There's also an extensive children's section with products such as 'Veggie Tales' videos, which are popular cartoons that provide valuable life lessons, Traub said.

"They're like the old Bugs Bunny cartoons," he said. "There are always jokes that the kids get and jokes that the parents get."

Combine it all with assorted

Christian gifts such as T-shirts, hats, ties, sculptures, angels and other trinkets, and you have a complete one-stop christian shopping.

Traub said that he has been with the religious bookstore business for more than four years, and it has done nothing but grow.

The products they offer now are of higher and higher quality, which makes it a more and more satisfying occupation, he said. Part of the reason why he has stayed in the business, and enjoys it so much is that he said he feels he has an impact on people's lives.

"It's more than just a retail store," Traub said. "We're helping people in their daily life."

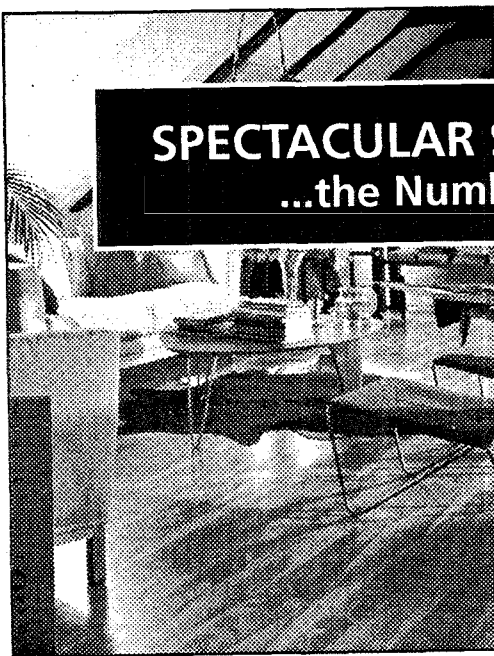
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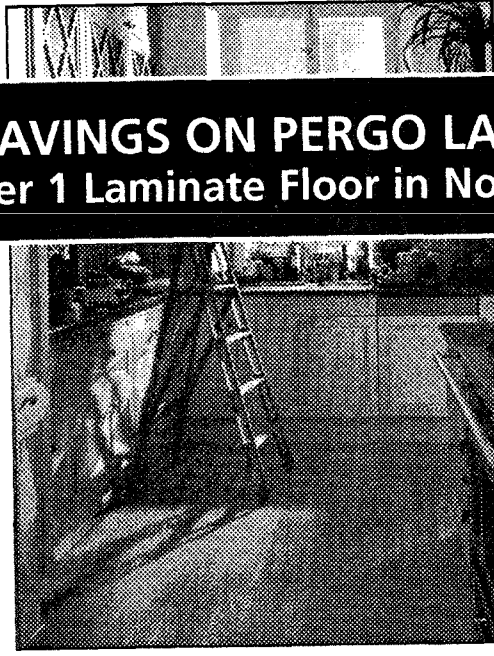
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Everybody's a customer, eventually

Aurora Casket's distribution center in Salem Twp. supplies coffins to area funeral homes

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Of all the places in the world to end up, few are as comfortable as an Aurora Casket.

Satin lined, well-padded and made of a variety of exterior materials, they are produced by one of the three largest casket companies in the nation.

Aurora Casket's Plymouth distribution center in an unremarkable-looking building. With no outside signage and an unpaved lot, the aluminum-sided building looks just like a utility shed on Plymouth's rural fringes. The only way a casual observer might know the nature of the business is by seeing a delivery truck distributing the caskets to local funeral homes.

Established in 1890 in Aurora, IN, Aurora casket is still owned and

operated by descendants of its founder, John J. Backman, according to Dave Lane, marketing manager for Aurora.

"Aurora is one of three nationally recognized supplier of caskets and funeral supplies," Lane said.

The Plymouth facility is one of 52 service centers located throughout the U.S. It supplies caskets to funeral homes throughout Southern Michigan and Northwest Ohio, Lane said.

Caskets can be made from a variety of materials, from the basic wood models to more expensive caskets made of 18- or 20-gauge carbon steel, copper bronze or stainless steel, Lane said.

"Those are higher end products. Copper and bronze are premium metals and people select them for



Bob Hines of Aurora Casket polishes a coffin before shipping it off to a local funeral home. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

various reasons," Lane said. "Some people choose them because they are beautiful metals and others for their longevity value. They hold up well over a long period of time."

Prices in caskets vary greatly, according to Lane.

"We're just a wholesaler," Lane said. "Prices will vary depending on the market."



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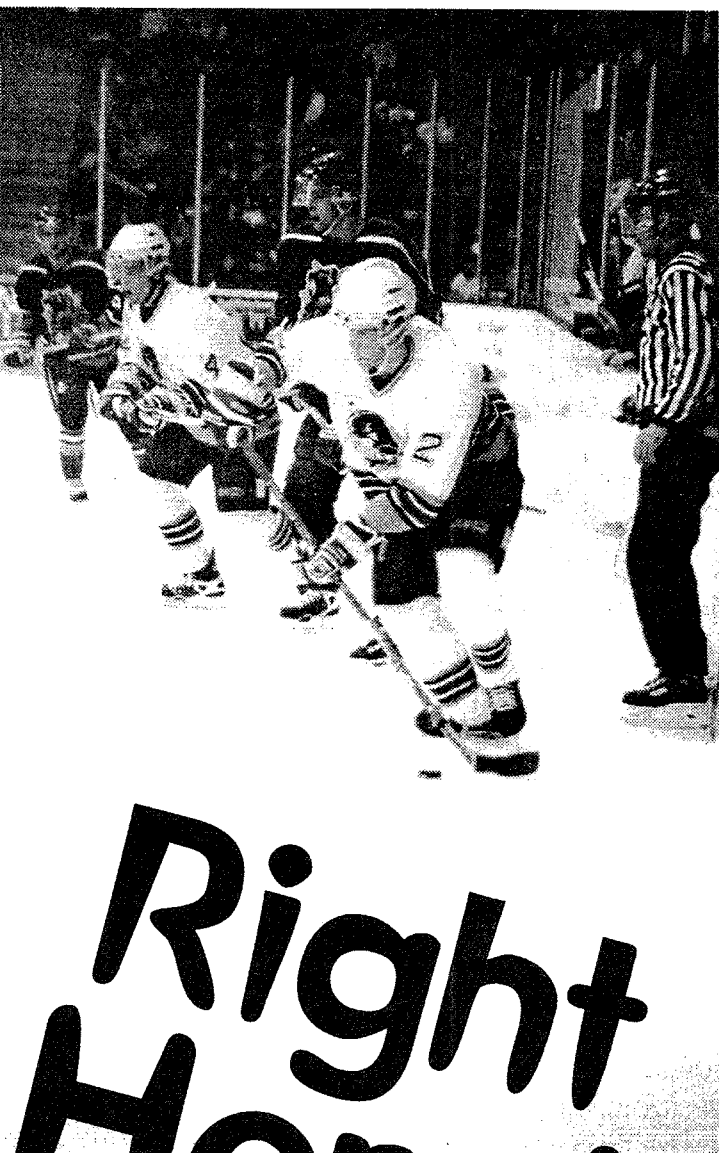
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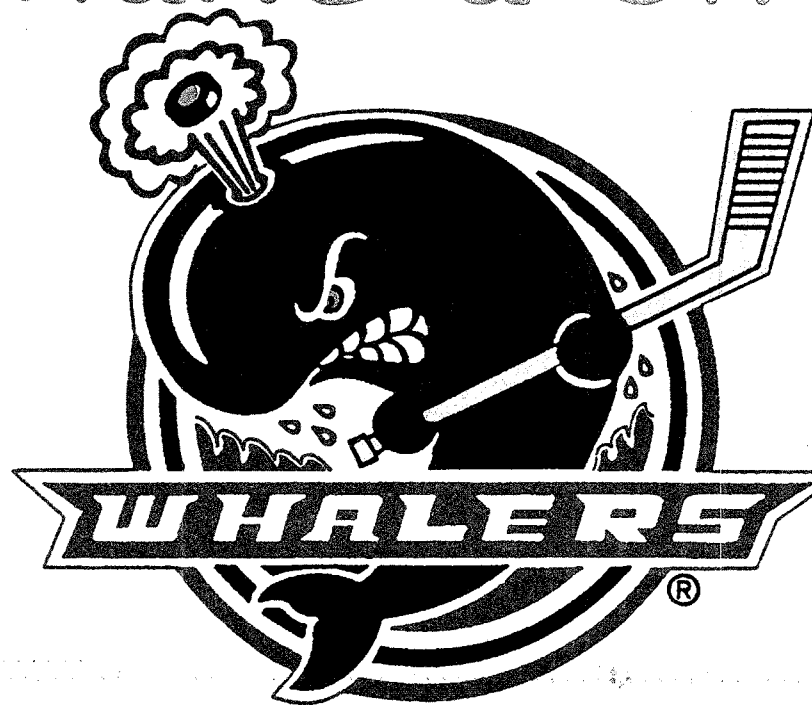
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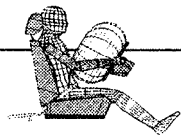
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1998 Community Statistics

General information & State Equalized Value (SEV)

CANTON

Population:	67,809	SEV: 1998:	\$1,819,694,170
Residential Units:	26,000(approx.)	1997:	\$1,592,305,807
Government:	Charter Township	1990:	\$774,130,580
Governing Body:	Board of Trustees	1987:	\$545,022,970

NORTHVILLE

Population:	6,226	SEV: 1998:	\$256,685,260
Residential Units:	2,600	1997:	\$243,378,830
Government:	Home Rule Charter City	1990:	\$138,666,215
Governing Body:	City Council	1987:	\$80,594,840

NORTHVILLE TWP.

Population:	20,336	SEV: 1998:	\$750,388,991
Residential Units:	7,109	1997:	\$710,380,501
Government:	Charter Township	1996:	\$284,209,706
Governing Body:	Board of Trustees	1995:	\$220,354,110

PLYMOUTH

Population:	9,560	SEV: 1998:	\$320,120,680
Residential Units:	3,245	1997:	\$293,425,720
Government:	Home Rule Charter City	1990:	\$201,057,330
Governing Body:	City Commission	1987:	\$152,815,170

PLYMOUTH TWP.

Population:	23,686	SEV: 1998:	\$1,261,355,520
Residential Units:	9,186	1997:	\$1,090,888,452
Government:	Charter Township	1990:	\$697,833,730
Governing Body:	Board of Trustees	1987:	\$387,598,920



School Enrollment

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-98:	4,754
1996-97:	4,933
1995-96:	4,499
1994-95:	4,304
1993-94:	4,163
1992-93:	4,141
1991-92:	4,021

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-98:	16,300
1996-97:	15,613
1995-96:	15,428
1994-95:	15,008
1993-94:	14,855
1992-93:	14,845
1991-92:	14,948



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Residential	17,799
Business	4,972
Total	22,771
1988	11,640

NORTHVILLES:

420, 207, 254, 354, 414, 416, 451, 453, 454, 455, 459, 737, 305, 344, 347, 348, 349, 374, 380, 449, 735

Residential	25,920
Business	19,089
Total	45,009
1988	25,443

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207, 254, 354, 414, 416, 451, 453, 454, 455, 459, 737, 420

Residential	34,122
Business	21,697
Total	55,819
1988	31,261



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9. Village Squire Apartments
- 10 Toys-R-Us

NORTHVILLE TWP.

1. Optical Imaging Systems (IFT)
2. Park Place Apartments
3. Maybury State Park
4. Detroit Edison
5. Kings Mill Cooperative
6. Consumers Power
7. Meijer, Inc.
8. Innsbrook Apartments
9. Farmer Jacks
- 10 Optical Imaging Systems, Inc

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1. Detroit Edison
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3. AT&T Wireless
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5. Loc Performance
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8. Adistra Corporation
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- 10 Dick Scott Dodge



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7. McDonald Ford
8. Shopping Center Market
9. Foundry Flask
- 10 Gordon Management

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2. Johnson Control
3. Tower Automotive
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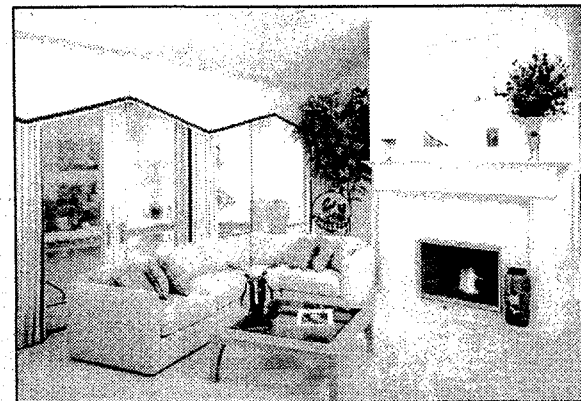
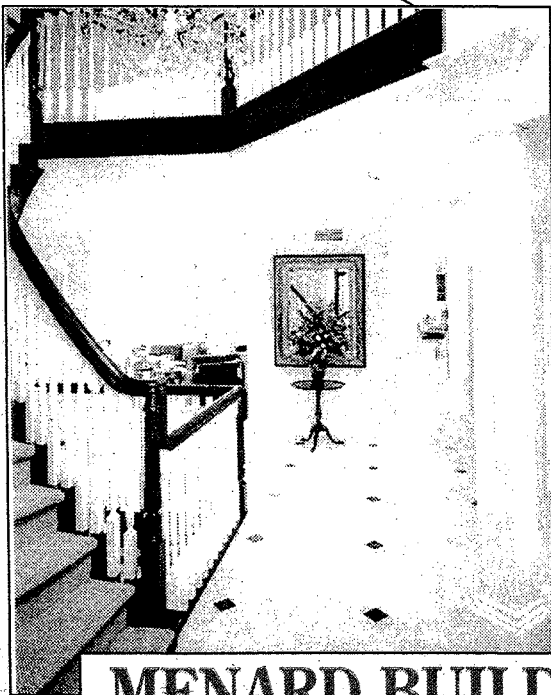
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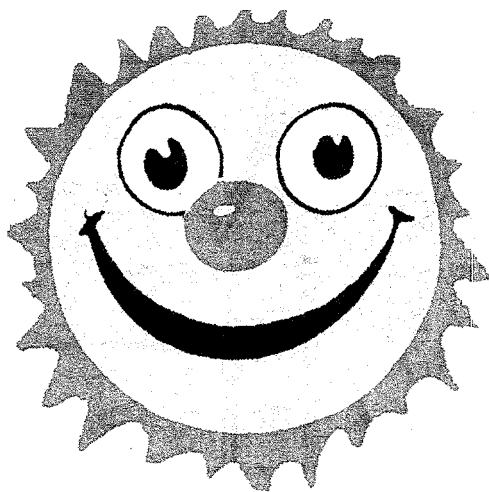
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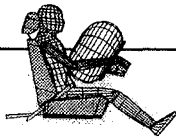
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MODELS AS EQUIPPED:	Honda Odyssey	Toyota Sienna XLE	Dodge Grand Caravan ES	Ford Windstar LX	Chevrolet Venture
Price As Equipped	\$26,000 (est)	\$27,900	\$30,110	\$29,055	\$26,747
Engine	3.5 liter SOHC V-6	3.0 liter DOHC V-6	3.8 liter OHV V-6	3.8 liter OHV V-6	3.4 liter OHV V-6
Horsepower @ rpm	210 @ N/A	194 @ 5200	180 @ 4300	200 @ 5000	180 @ 5200
Length/Width (inches)	201.2 / 74.8	193.5 / 73.4	199.6 / 76.8	201.2 / 74.7	200.9 / 72.0
Cargo Volume (cu./ft. max)	N/A	143.0	168.5	142.1	155.9
Sliding Rear Doors	Power Left & Right	Standard	Standard	Right door only	Power Right Optional*
Keyless Remote Entry	Standard	Standard	Standard	Optional*	Standard
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Laser tag maintains its popularity

Zap Zone in Canton offers a break from the usual games

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

When Laser Tag was first introduced in the 1980s, it was seen by many as a fad, an interesting technological toy intended to capture the wallets of Christmas shoppers for one, perhaps two, shopping seasons.

Eventually it would fade out, they said. Something better, more advanced would soon appear.

Naysayers eat your words. Laser tag is still alive, well and profitable.

The owners of Zap Zone in Canton can attest. For more than three years, Zap Zone has been the place for action-packed birthday parties, group gatherings, even corporate events. With three levels of electromagnetic fun, Zap Zone has become a veritable refuge for indoor leisure seekers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

The set-up is simple. Strap the laser vest over your shoulders, unlatch the gun and go. The maze inside, complete with black lights, florescent paint and an array of mirrors, ramps and barrels, creates a surreal otherworldly effect. As the games commence, electronic battle sounds echo in the background, while the occasional laser beam floats overhead.

During each twenty minute

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session, shooting results are tracked through the use of radio-signals from each pack. When the games end, each player receives a computer print-out that displays shooting accuracy, overall points and a who's who chart of zapping performance.

"It's just old-fashioned tag with new-tech equipment," says Gaz Ismail, Zap Zone general manager.

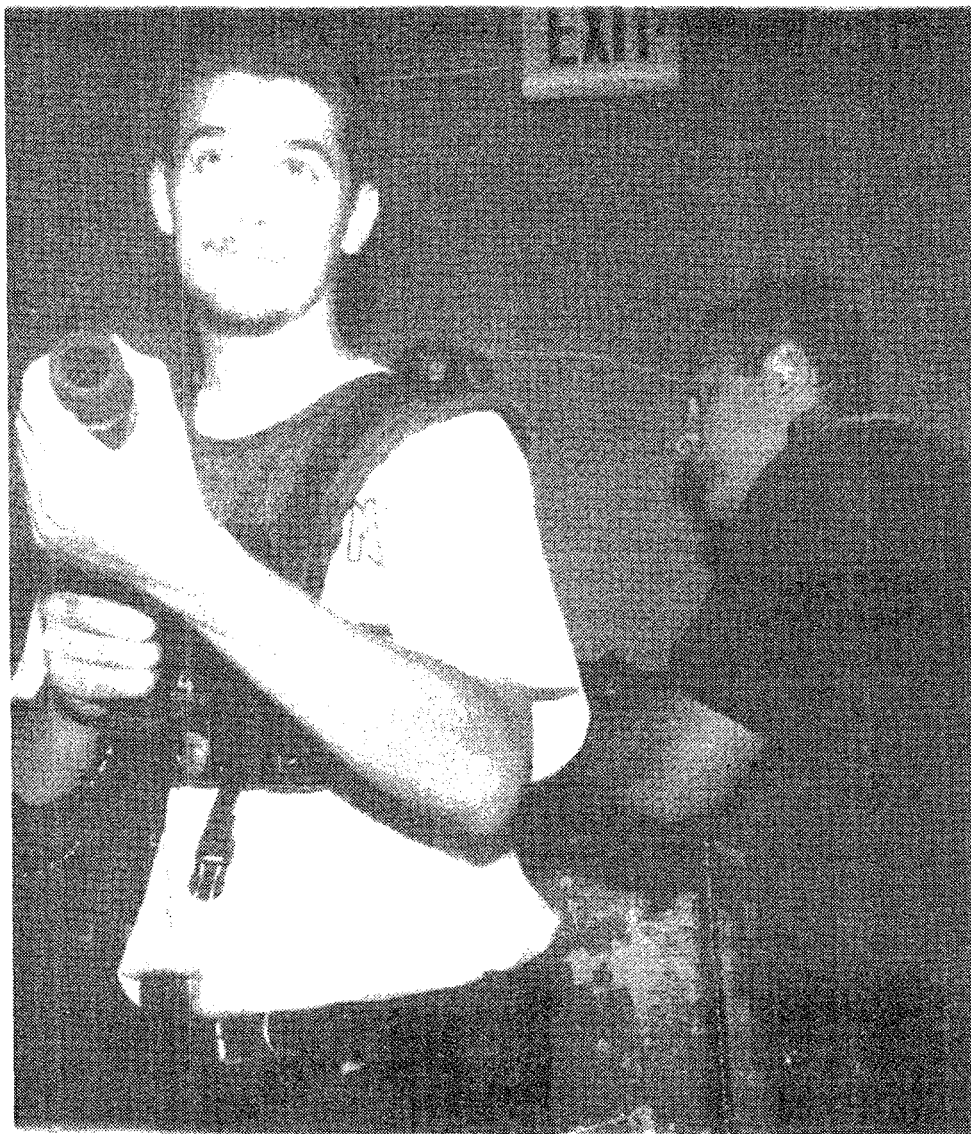
According to Ismail, laser tag reemerged as a popular activity in the early 90s. Rather than an at-home game where only a few players had the necessary equipment, however, it evolved into a business affair, complete with large indoor game rooms, sophisticated accessories and a devoted following.

"The equipment in the 1980s was too heavy," Ismail says. "It wasn't as accurate and it didn't keep score. Kids got board of it too quick."

After the personal computer explosion around 1990-91, the technology

necessary for more complex laser-tag became readily accessible, Isamil says. As the price of computer chips — used to track scores — went down, the number of laser tag establishments went up.

Today, laser tag has spawned a



Zap Zone referee John Hallisey gets his game face on, while general manager Gaz Ismail, protects his flank. Games are set up either as a two-team format or as an individual free-for-all. Zap Zone even has clubs where players can track their shooting stats over the course of many games (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

whole new industry for adrenaline-pumped kids.

Zap Zone, which Ismail claims is the oldest laser tag facility in Western Wayne County, caters much of their business toward its young customers. The lobby is full of the latest video games, air hockey tables and kids' cartoons.

"We really take care of the kids,"

Ismail says. "We take pride in that."

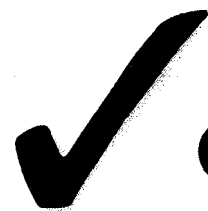
Kids aren't the only patrons, however. According to Ismail, adults comprise a full 20 per cent of Zap Zone business.

"I think they come in here on accident," Ismail says. "They bring in their kids and realize it could be a lot of fun for them too."



In hot pursuit, players chase each other through a maze of florescent-painted walls. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

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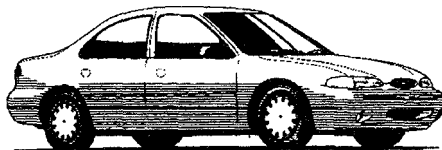
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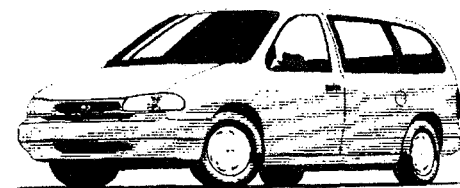
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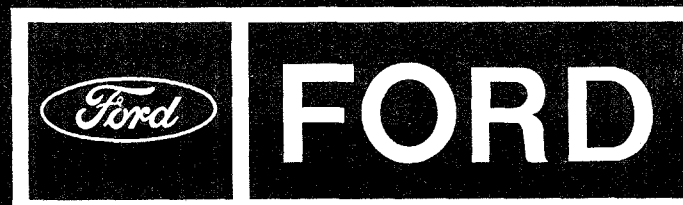
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Rose's Restaurant serves up Italian favorites

Canton residents since 1949, the Constantinos have a full plate with restaurant and farm

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When the Constantino brothers decided to build Rose's Restaurant at the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill Road, everyone said they were crazy.

"They said we should build it down on the strip," Ernie Constantino said. Even less than five years ago, Ford Road was still the commercial center of the township.

Now, however, with the post office opening across the street, the relocation of the neighboring RV dealer to Belleville Road, and the widening of Canton Center Road, Rose's finds itself with a prime location.

Not the the past four and a half years have been a hardship for the Constantinos. Ernie and brothers

Richard and Chris have built a solid culinary reputation by providing the two things they expect when they go out to eat: Good food and good service.

"It's like bringing someone into our own house," Richard said. "We don't consider it a restaurant, it's like our home."

The restaurant is named after the Constantino's grandmother, like the original Rose's restaurant in Detroit. The Constantino's grandfather, who owned the original Rose's, sold that restaurant and bought property in Canton in 1947.

That property, the restaurant site and the Constantino's 60-acre farm on Cherry Hill Road past Beck Road, has stayed in the family ever

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since.

The corner made a perfect place for the

Constantinos to follow their grandfather's vision, and their father's dream, according to Ernie.

"We've lived here since 1949," he said. "We're part of the community. We thought we might as well build in an area where you already know everyone."

Rose's menu is primarily Italian food, but there are enough varieties to ensure that everyone will find something they like.

"We're like Noah's Ark: we've got two of everything," Richard said.

Many of the recipes are Rose's own, and daily specials are prepared by Chris, who runs the kitchen

portion of the business.

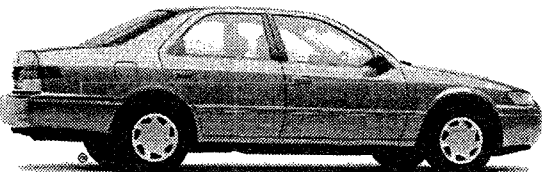
In addition to the restaurant, the Constantinos also run a farm and sell produce. Ernie teaches at Canton High School and helps out at the restaurant during the summer. In fact, all of the family helps out at the restaurant when needed, Ernie said.

"We have a pretty good crew," Richard said. "It's not like a corporation where you're just a number."

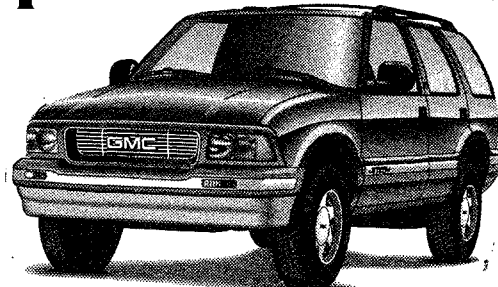
In fact, 14 out of Rose's current 35 employees helped open the restaurant. It's a loyalty that customers share, Richard said.

"We're on a first name basis with a lot of our customers," Richard said. "Of course it's always nice because they always enjoy the food. It makes life a lot easier."

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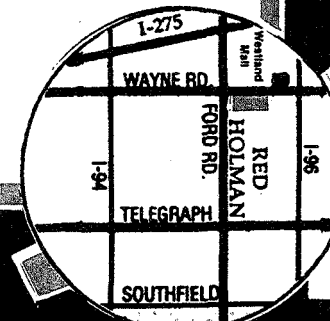


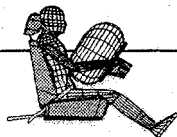
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Canton P.I. still learning the business after 15 years

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Being a private investigator may not be all it's made up to be in the television and movies, but it's been enough to keep Canton's Rich Conway interested for 15 years.

Conway, who operates Agent Investigations in Canton, says one of the things he enjoys about the occupation is that he's constantly learning new techniques.

That's saying a lot. Conway has been working as an investigator for more than 25 years, first with the State Police, then the attorney general investigating welfare fraud and finally on his own.

Conway said there are two ways to become a license P.I. in Michigan: you can work for a licensed detective or a police agency for three years or earn a four-year degree in criminal investigation.

Neither of them fully prepare someone for the work, however.

"One of the biggest gripes I have is people who think they know everything," Conway said. "I learn something every day that makes me better at what I do. I think you get better all the time."

Conway first got into the business in the 80s, when many people were out of work. He joined an Ann Arbor private investigation firm that was growing, working on cases of insurance fraud and video game pirating.

Insurance work still dominates his caseload today, which he said suits him fine because the work is steady.

"In a typical case there may have been a lawsuit filed because of an injury accident," he said. "It may be my job to find out if the person's really hurt; or to find witnesses."

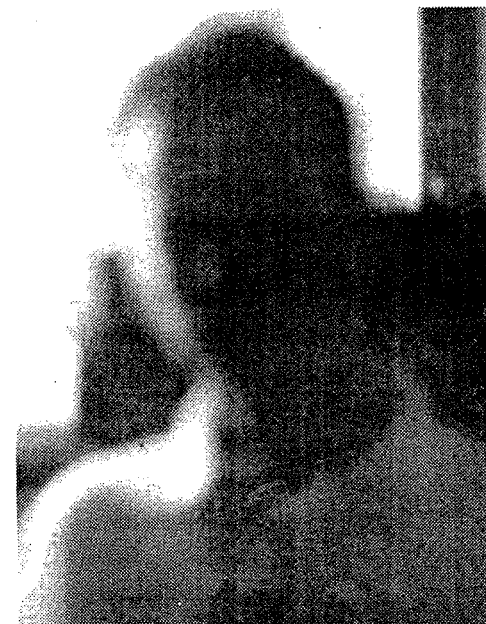
Conway said the biggest part of his job entails knowing where to find information. Most of it is supplied by information brokers — companies that collect and distribute data, such as marketing companies.

"I don't have to know everything, I just need to find out where to go to find out what I need," he said.

And although most of that can be done with information services, or through diligent phone work, some of it requires 'doing it the old-fashioned-way,' he said. The entails surveillance, photographs and talking to people who know the subject, he said.

Conway also provides security consultations for firms and corporate heads, especially to businesses that work in 'high-risk' countries.

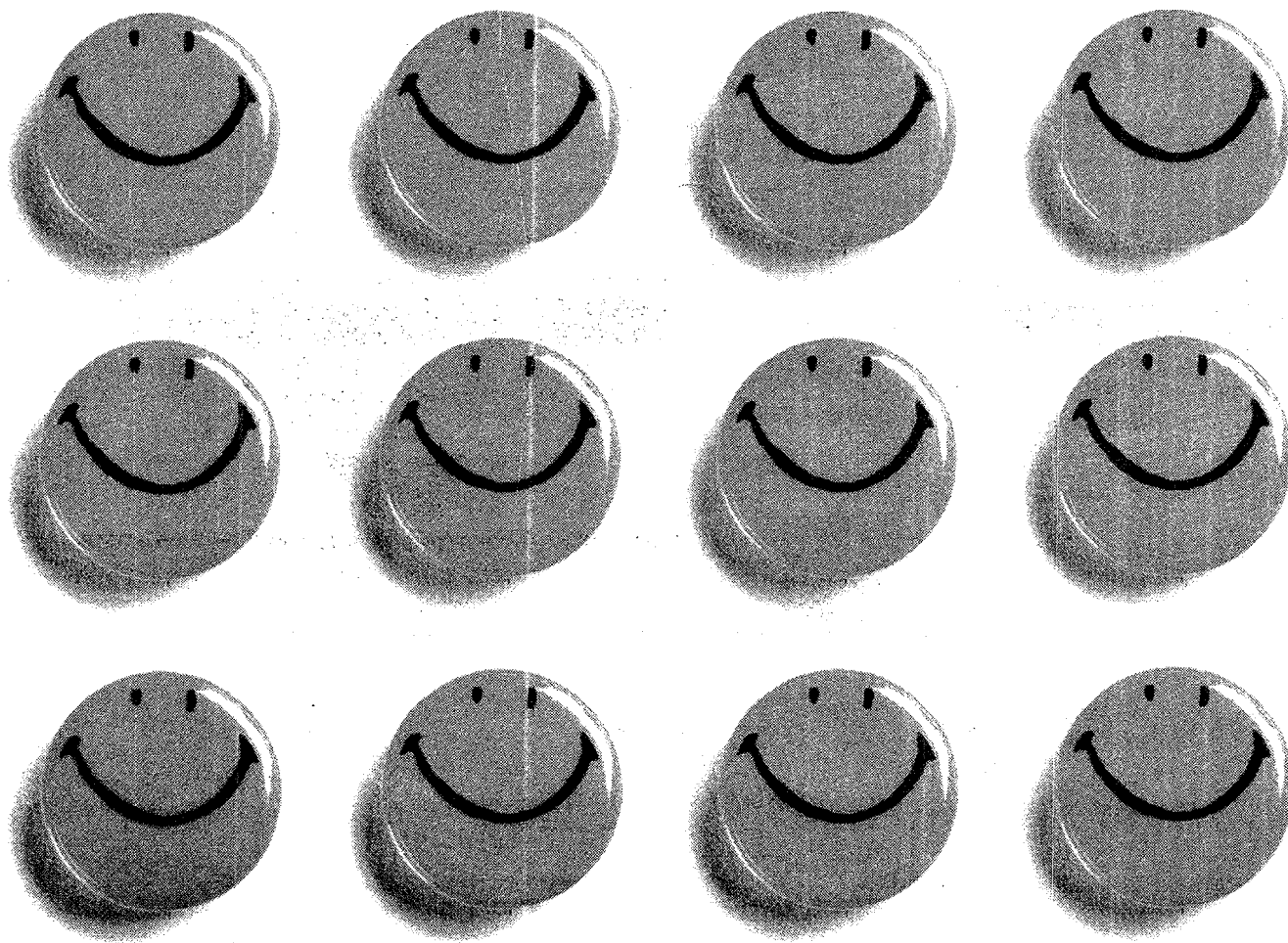
And while Conway has had a sprinkling of kidnapping cases he's



The photo-shy Rich Conway photo by Scott Spielman

worked on through the years, they are not the typical case he works on.

"That's entertainment, and not my business," he said.



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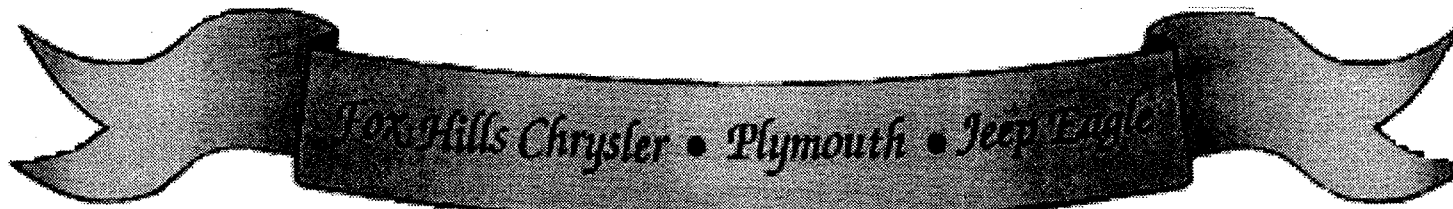
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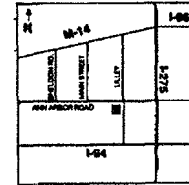


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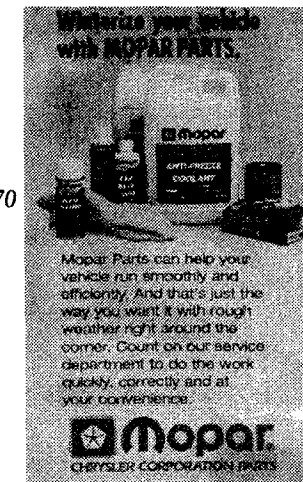
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Skating rink evolves for the 21st Century

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

"It's really not a skating rink," says Denise Koziara, events coordinator at Skatin Station II in Canton. "It's more than that. It's an entertainment center."

Skating rinks have come a long way since their heyday in the 1970s. From the days when Foosball tables were a technological wonder and in-line skating was just a formation, skating rinks have evolved into a jack-of-all entertainment trades. Today they offer indoor hockey leagues, a string of the latest video games and theme nights nearly every week.

And according to Koziara, the culture built up around roller skating — remember "Xanadu" with Olivia Newton John — is making a come back. While it's not likely to spawn another series of movies, it does continue as a prime source of teenage entertainment.

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"A lot of them come just to see their friends," Koziara says.

Beginning this fall, Skatin Station II will host teen nights on Friday beginning at 9 p.m., featuring a special "dance hour" between 11 p.m. and midnight.

"It makes it kind of a night-club atmosphere," Koziara says. "It's a cool place to come."

They also offer other incentive pricing packages including "bunch night" on Saturdays, where groups get in cheaper than individuals, and "girls skate free night," the teenage equivalent of ladies night at the bar.

But while the teenage population comprises a large part of Skatin Station's business, adults strap on the

skates as well.

According to Koziara, there are several special adult skates including a lunch session where adults who either work nights or are looking for exercise on their lunch hour, can skate without the interruption of kids.

Also, moms are welcome to come skate with their tots, stroller and all. "It's great for those moms that are sitting around all day looking for something to do," Koziara says.



In-line skating popularity has spawned a whole new generation of rink enthusiasts. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

Since owner Chuck Jackson bought the place four years ago, Skatin Station has gone through a face-lift. Jackson put new carpeting, new lights, new sound and a fresh coat of paint to give it a "more 90s look," Koziara said.

Koziara credits Skatin Station's success to their consistency and variety.

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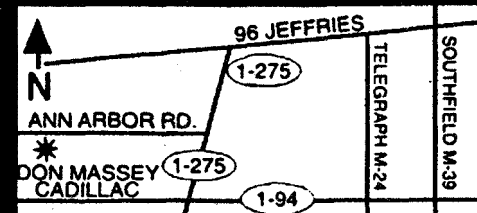
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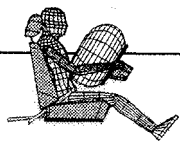
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Out with the old, in the with new

The City of Northville's Ford Valve Plant find new life as a center for recreation, business

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Driving through downtown Northville, it would be hard not to notice all the development.

Upscale, mixed-use residential and retail complexes are going up downtown, and workers are returning the Methodist church to its historic glory on the outside and a viable commercial center on the inside.

But driving by, it may be easier to miss the redevelopment within the old Ford Valve Plant on the corner of Northville and Griswold roads.

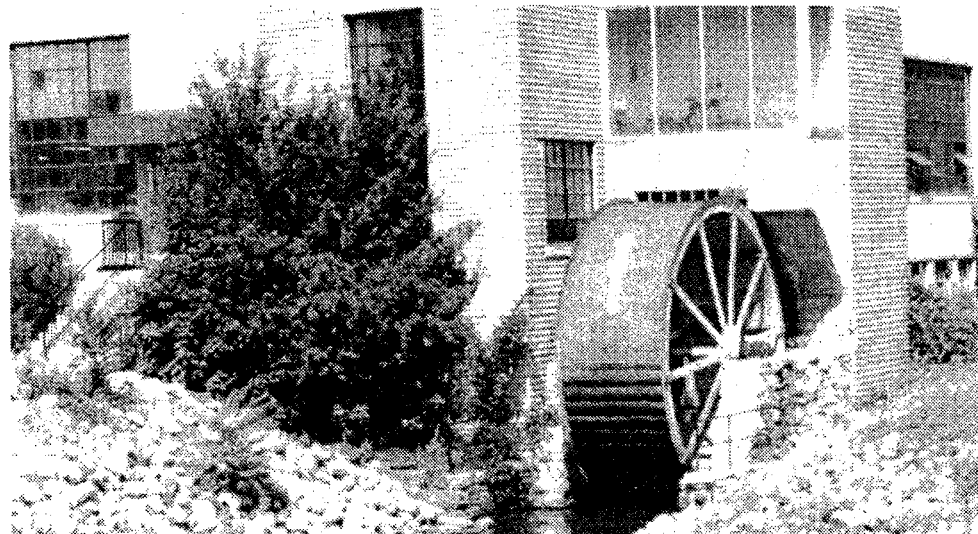
For the past three years, developers and businessowners have been remodeling the interior of the building, reinventing it for modern use.

"Any reuse of an existing facility

such as the plant is a good thing," said City Manager Gary Word. "It's a win-win-win situation. It's a win for Ford, a win for the City and a win for R&D Enterprises."

Rick Cox, owner of R&D Enterprises, bought the plant in 1994, according to the building's co-owner, Bob Seaman. The building's history started about 100 years earlier.

Originally a sawmill that housed such businesses as The Union Manufacturing Company and the J.A. Dubuar Lumber and Manufacturing Company, the site was bought by Ford Motor in 1918. The building that exists on the site today was constructed in 1936, according to Northville historian Bruce Turnbull.



The City Northville Ford Valve plant looks much the same today as it did when constructed in the 1930s. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

"Henry Ford spread out his factories because he wanted to do something for the people who lived out in the country," Turnbull said.

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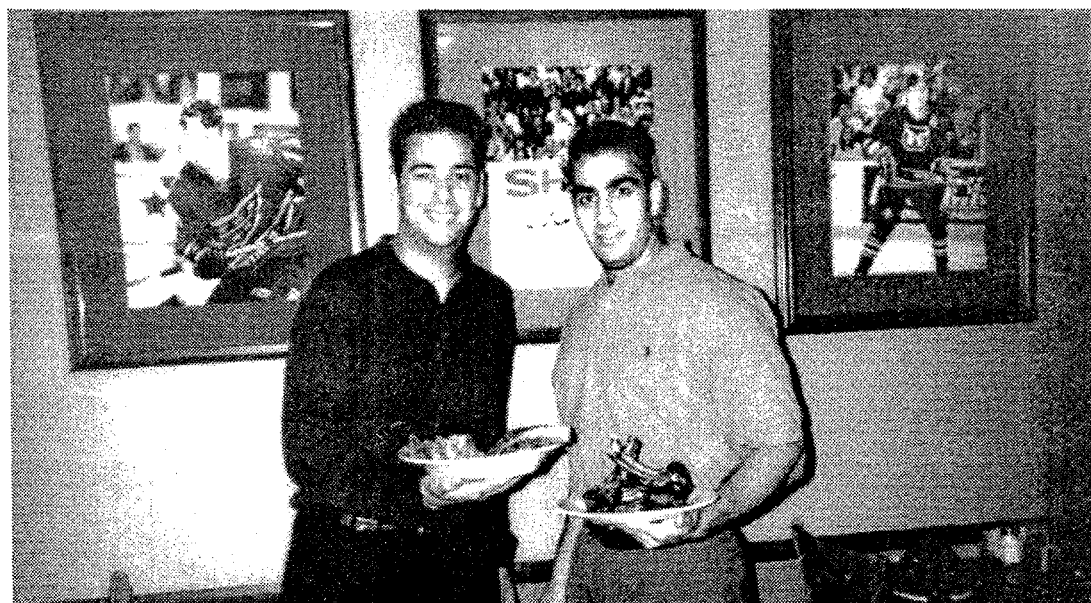
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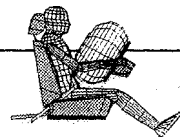
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Ford Plant: from pumping valves to pumping iron

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support for people in Northville," he added. "They had about 200 people working there."

Workers and commerce weren't the only thing Ford brought to the site, according to Turnbull. The plant also brought thousands of additional year-round residents to the one-time mill — geese.

"Part of the union contract was that money would be set aside to feed the geese," Turnbull said. "They moved in and stayed year-round because they didn't have to fly south."

According to Turnbull, the plant produced valves for Ford engines, and only ceased production about 10 years ago. It had been vacant until Cox purchased the property in 1994. With that purchase, he provided an answer that the City of Northville

had been looking for, Word said.

"We weren't sure what to do with the property," Word said. "We were thinking of turning it into a library, but it presented some overwhelming difficulties."

Cox originally bought the plant as a location for his ever-expanding business, which makes heat exchangers for marine engines, according to Seaman. After renovating the portion of the site he needed for his business, he found he had a substantial portion of space left over — about 55,000 square feet of the plant's 75,000-square feet.

"It was a real clever piece of work, and beautifully done," Seaman said. "What they did was come up with the design for a modern office without taking away from the history."

Cox and his architects designed the office portion of the building with

free-floating acoustic tiles, preserving the full height of the plant's windows while enhancing the modern office image.

When word spread of how Cox had located a modern office in the plant — which was designed by noted architect Albert Kahn — other tenants became interested, Seaman said.

The first of these was All Star Gymnastics, which moved into a 8,000 square-foot portion of the building's southwest side, Seaman said.

Renovations included adding a mezzanine level where parents and children can watch the gymnasts in their family perform.

The gymnastic company was to dictate much of the other interior renovations. Following on its heels was the Water Wheel Health Club

and Put One in the Upper Deck, Seaman's indoor, baseball practice facility.

Seaman said at least two more businesses will eventually be located in the yet-to-be-renovated lower level of the plant. A local furniture store will be moving in with a mixed showroom and warehouse, and a firm that designs commercial offices is on the way as well, he said.

"They like the ambience, and being able to walk outside, take a leisurely stroll downtown and have lunch," Seaman said.

City officials like the ambience as well, according to Mayor Chris Johnson. Johnson said the new life in the plant and the church are exactly why the City of Northville's historic commission won't allow the destruction of any historic buildings

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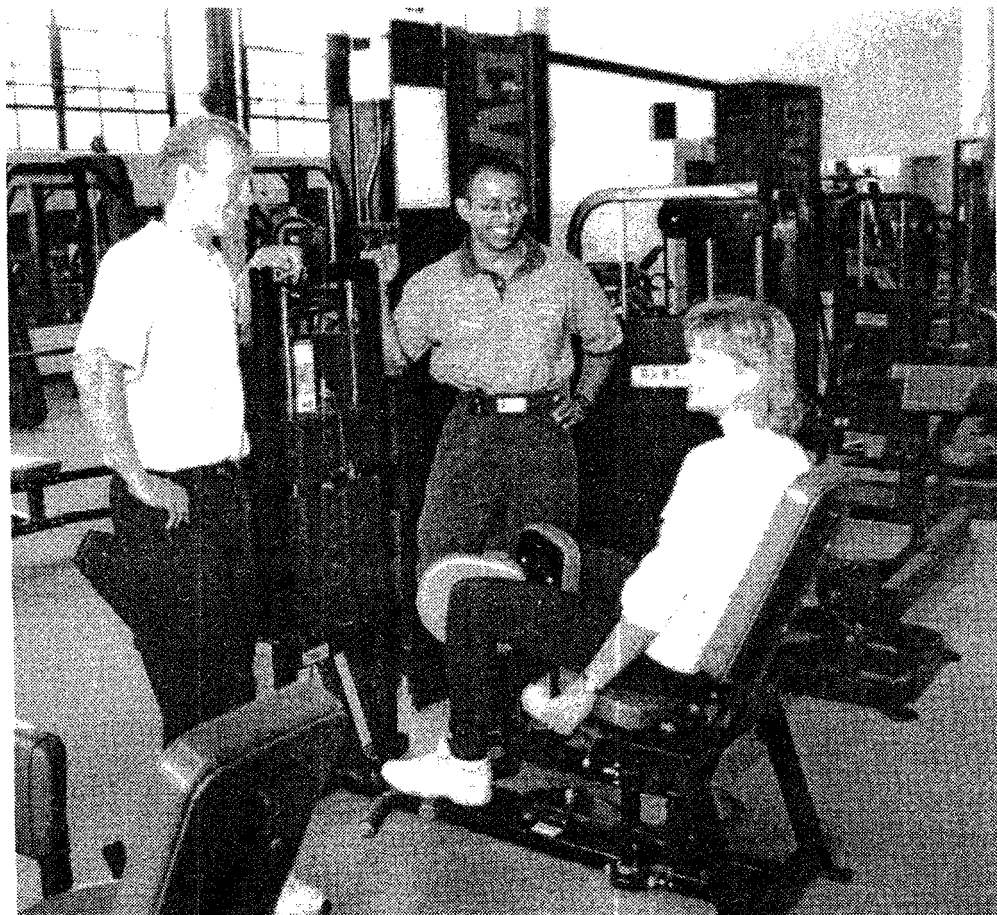


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Tiger Town survives in N'ville's Ford Plant



Water Wheel employees Chris Seiler (left) and Boo Sadikot and April Niles take the guess work out of fitness. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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without the city's consent.

"I definitely appreciate renewal of old things into useful things," Johnson said. "It just goes to show if you have a little creativity you can use a lot of these old buildings."

A Bit of Tiger town

After Tiger Stadium is torn down, a small part of it will survive in downtown Northville.

The Put One in the Upper Deck baseball facility is modeled after the historic stadium, from the faces painted in the bleachers to the dirt in the batters box.

The facility consists of five indoor batting cages, a short astroturf field, and a major league, regulation-size pitching mound.

The walls are painted with a 22-foot-tall, 150-foot-long mural depicting tiger stadium during the Tiger's mid-1980s heyday, when the seats were crammed with eager fans.

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"It's like hitting a home run in a packed Tiger Stadium," said owner Bob Seaman.

He should know. He consulted with the groundskeepers at Tiger Stadium to find the exact type of dirt used in the stadium's batters box — and trucked some of it down from Traverse City.

Nor is the dirt and murals all that is reminiscent of that championship team. Seaman has on staff Barbaro Garbey, the Tigers first baseman in 1984.

Managing the facility is Scott Gardener, a one-time AAA pitcher for the Atlanta Braves, who once threw five strikeouts in a single inning.

The Upper Deck is designed like a miniature baseball field, Seaman said. It has seats for curious onlookers and will soon house its own concession stand.

Seaman offers more than just

batting practice through the facility. Baseball Camps and Clinics are also part of the bargain. The indoor facility means that the clinics can be held year round, he said.

"When the rain starts falling or the snow starts blowing, we get really packed," he said.

Personalized Fitness

When you sign up for at the Water Wheel Health Club, you get more than just a membership, according to owner Chris Klebba.

"We're an adult alternative club," he said. "We work toward developing a long-term relationship with clients rather than just increasing the number of our members."

Wagon Wheel staffs a nutritionist and several personal trainers

that are always on hand to answer questions and provide tips. With private sessions available, they tell each client exactly how to achieve their fitness goals.

"We take the guess work out of what they need to do," Klebba said.

Anyone interested in joining the health club gets a free 14-day trial.

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more accessible, Klebba said.

That tends to keep members

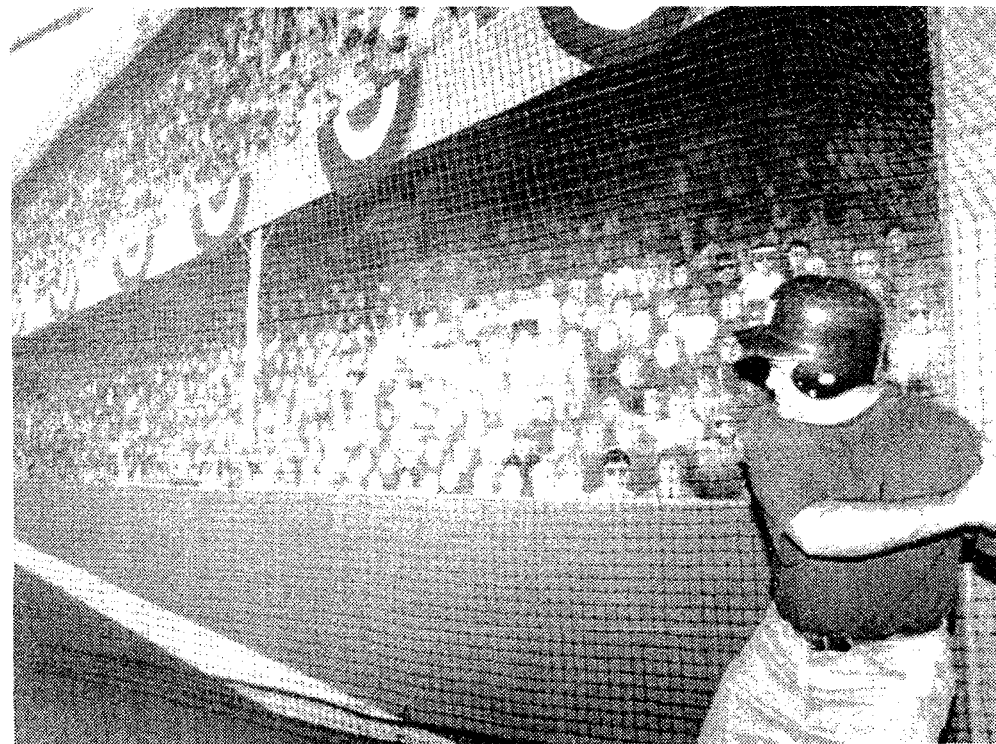
During the trial the nutrition expert and trainers meet with the potential member and determine exactly what his or her goals may be, and the best way to attain them. It's also a time when potential members can decide if they like the club, Klebba said.

"We cover each component with the client," he said. "You bring the desire, we tell you what to do."

If the client decides to join the club, the fee is then negotiated depending on the fitness plan they choose, according to Klebba. The club's membership is limited so that don't have to wait in line to use any equipment, and to make the trainers

happy, and in turn they stay with the facility, Klebba said.

"The bottom line is a lot of people drop out of healthclubs because they don't feel their body change," he said. "But they're not going to learn how to change their body at a typical gym. They buy a membership and that's all they get."



Bob Seaman (right) aims for the right field fence in his simulated Tiger Stadium. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

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In addition to the "village plants" developed by Henry Ford in Northville, at Phoenix and Wilcox Lakes and in Cherry Hill, The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community has another bit of early automotive history. The Alter car was made in the building that formerly housed Plymouth Tube and now houses C.D. Sparling. An original Alter is on display at the Dunning Memorial-Historical Museum. In this photo from last year's Fall Festival, the museum's Alter is inspected by an automotive fan. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Friday

Friday events
Noon to 10:00 p.m.

- Noon Several Groups serving lunch
- 3:00 pm Booths open
- 5:00-7:00 pm Al Townsend & the Couriers
- 6:30 pm Opening Ceremonies
- 6:30-9:30 pm Bingo (under The Gathering)
- 7:00-8:00 pm Spirit of Country Line Dancing
- 8:00-10:00 pm Janis Leigh - Luck of the Draw
- 9:00-9:30 pm Denim and Lace - Line Dancing
- All Day Kids' rides & games

Saturday

Saturday events
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- 7:00-11:30 am Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00-Noon Perennial Exchange (Wileox House corner)
- 9:00-Noon Plymouth City Hall Open House
- 9:00-11:00 am Optimist Pet Contest
- 10:00 am Artists & Craftsmen Show, Central Middle School (until 6:00 pm)
- 11:00 am - Noon Polish Dancers
- Noon-10:00 pm All Booths open
- Noon-1:00 pm Plymouth Community Band
- 1:00-2:00 pm Irish Dancers
- 1:00-6:00 pm Chili Championship Cook-Off (The Gathering)
- 2:00-3:00 pm Karate Demonstration
- 2:00-3:00 pm Justine Glazer (Classical singer)
- 2:00-3:30 pm Yo-Yo Man
- 3:00-4:00 pm Masters of Dance Arts
- 4:00-5:00 pm Stun Gun (band)
- 5:00-5:30 pm Chili sampling
- 5:00-5:45 pm Plymouth Canton High School Marching Band
- 5:45-6:00 pm Chili contest winner announced
- 6:00-8:00 pm Del Kaufman and Big Band Express
- 6:45-7:15 pm Plymouth Fife & Drum
- 8:00-9:45 pm Street Dance with DJ
- All Day Kids' rides & games



Sunday

Sunday events 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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| 10:30 am | Aerobic Kickboxing demonstration | Noon-2:00 pm | Show (Main St.) |
| 11:00am-5:00 pm | Rotary Barbecue Chicken Dinner (or until sold out) | 2:00-3:30 pm | Counter Play |
| Noon-6:00 pm | All booths open | 2:00-3:00 pm | Yo-Yo Man |
| Noon-5:00 pm | Artists & Craftsmen Show, Central Middle School | 3:00 pm | Canton Dance & Performing Arts |
| Noon-5:00 pm | Classic, Antique and Performance Car | 3:00-6:00 pm | KICKS Tae Kwon Do |
| | | All Day | The Larados |
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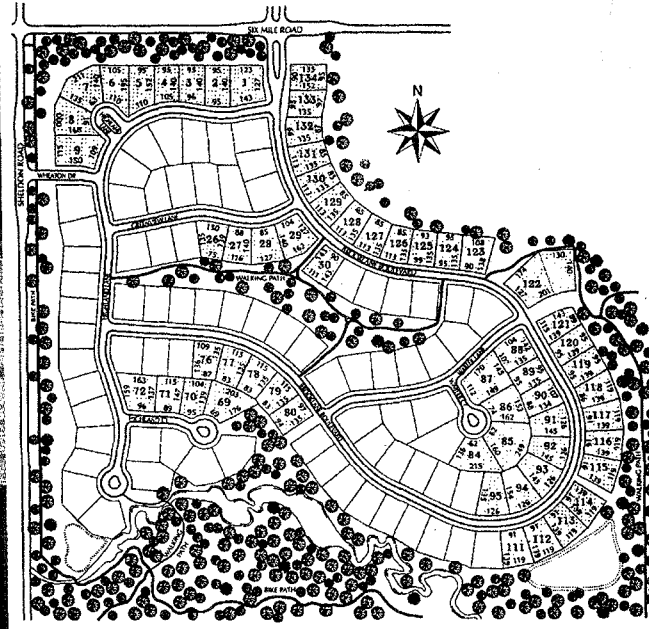
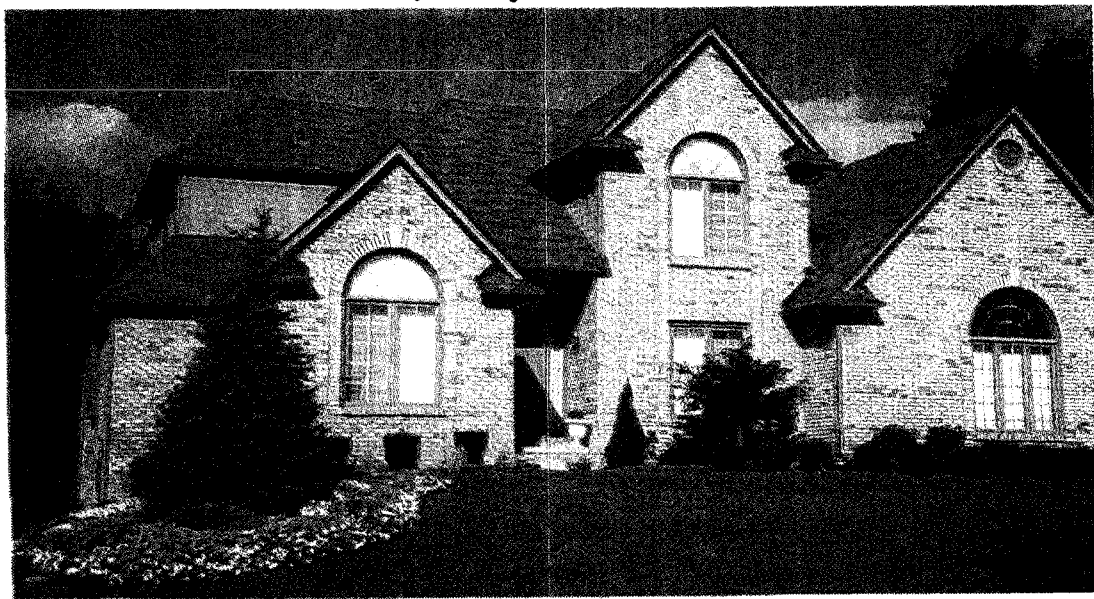
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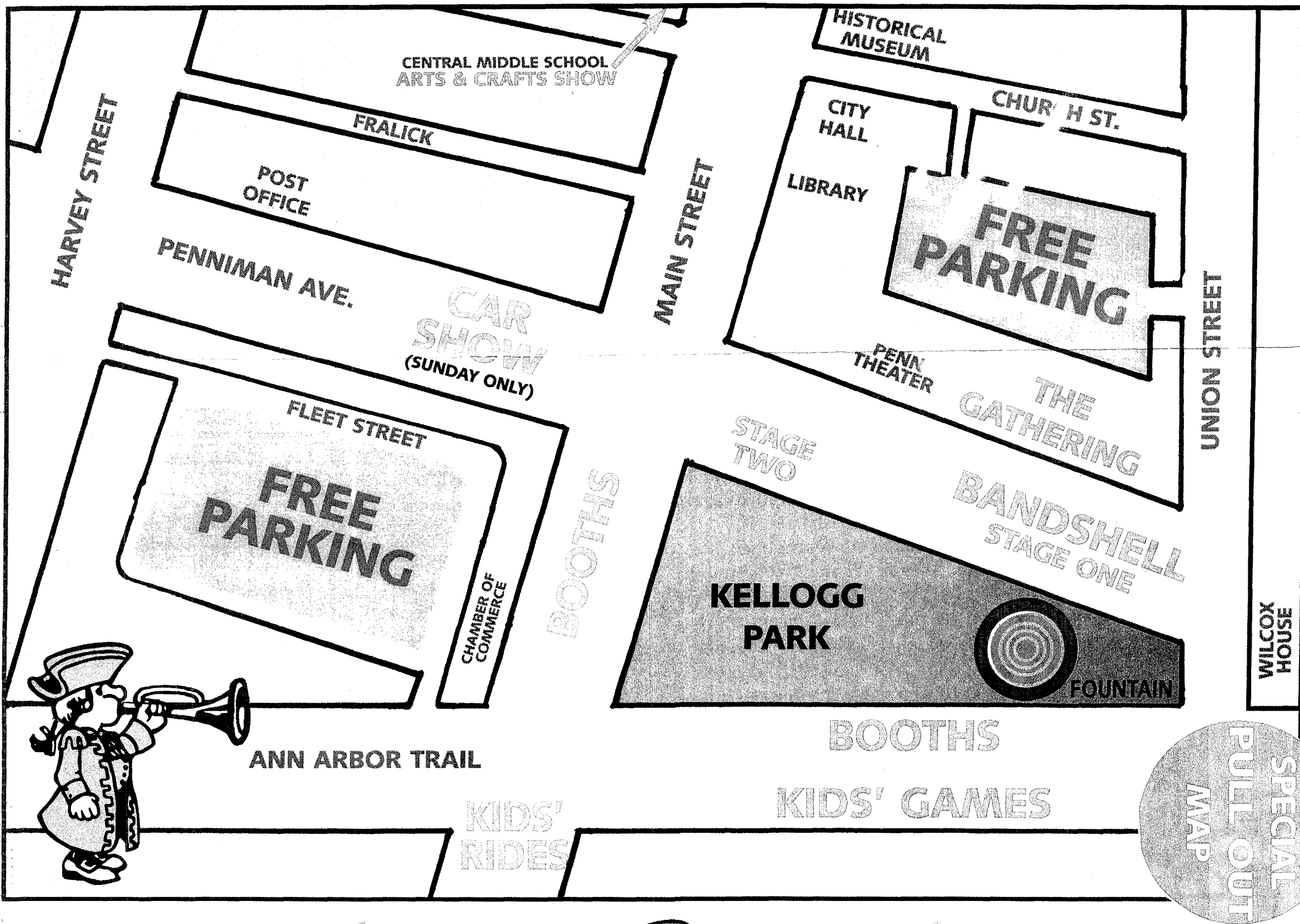
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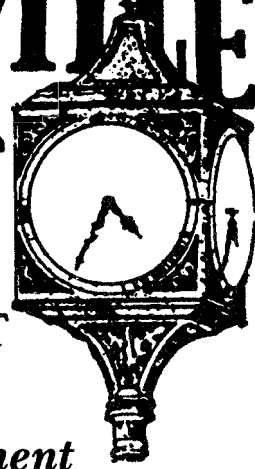
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Friday, September 18th

9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
9:30-12:00 Northville Public Schools Family Entertainment Public Invited
5:00-9:00 Pony Rides
Antique Photo Booth
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Non-Profit Booths
Antique Show
5:45 Joe Chasney & Jasen Magic, Magicians/CS
6:30 Victorian Parade
7:30 Jasen Magic, Magician/Orin Jewelers
7:30 Roscoe The Clown/BS
7:30 Dr. Rudy/Dunlap & Center St.
7:45 Joe Chasney, Magician/CS
7:45 Punch & Judy/BS
8:15 Punch & Judy/CS

Saturday, September 19th

8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
8:30 Festival Fitness Walk
10:00-4:00 Victorian Home Tour
10:00-6:00 Fine Art Market
11:00-2:00 Children's Old Fashioned Games
11:00: Wooden Nickel Hunt
11:30: Marbles/N. Ville Jewelers
12:00: Bubble Gum Blowing /Traditions
12:30: Top Spinning/Ulimate Toys
1:00: Hoop Rolling/Main & Center
1:30: Pie Eating Contest/SS
11:00-6:00 Dulcimer/Kacee's Hallmark
11:00-8:00 Antique Show
Non-Profit Booths
Pony Rides
11:00 Jasen Magic, Magician/CS
11:30 Joe Chasney, Magician/BS
11:30 Punch & Judy/Salutations
12:00-5:00 Horse and Carriage Rides
12:00 Hip Squeak Puppets/SS
12:00 Mary Elen Clark /Storyteller/BS

Saturday, September 19th, continued

12:30 Joe Chasney, Magician/BS
1:00-3:00 Dixieland Band/Traditions
1:00-4:00 Mill Race Village Open
1:00-4:00 Mary Ellen Clark Storyteller/
Marquis Theatre
1:00-4:00 Barbershop Quartet/Street Entertainment
1:00-4:00 Strolling Minstral/Street Entertainment
1:00-5:00 Timco Magic/Street Entertainment
1:00 Geri's Jamboree/CS
1:00 Punch & Judy/Salutations
1:30-3:00 Motor City Brass Band/BS
1:30 Rick's Puppets/Wing & Main St.
1:30 Jonathon Park, Juggler/CS
1:30 Krakat & Kellerman, Jugglers/MS
2:00 Hip Squeak Puppets/SS
2:00 Victorian Tea/Presbyterian Church
2:00 Joe Chasney, Magician/CS
2:30 Punch & Judy/Salutations
3:00 Krakat & Kellerman, Jugglers/MS
3:00 Rick's Puppets/Wing & Main
3:30-5:00 Straw Hat Band/BS
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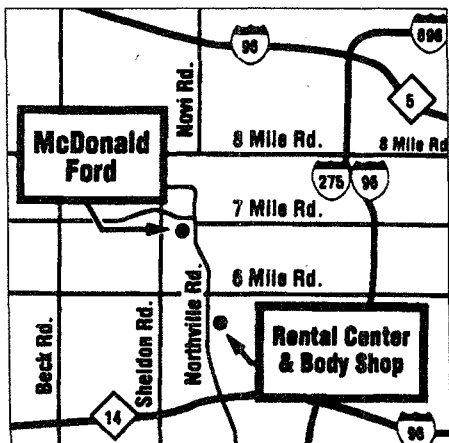
Sunday, September 20th

11:00-6:00 Fine Art Market
Antique Show
Non-Profit Booths
Pony Rides

Sunday, September 20th, continued

11:00 Box Lunch Auction/BS
11:00 Joe Chasney, Magician/MS
11:00 Jonathon Park, Juggler/CS
11:30 Jasen Magic, Magician/CS
11:30 Punch & Judy/Main & Hutton St.
12:00-5:00 Horse & Carriage Rides/
Main & Wing
12:00 Hip Squeak Puppets/SS
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2:00: Hat Contest
3:00: Duck Race
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Plymouth firm gets nostalgic

Plymouth Township's Poof products owns a piece of American history — the Slinky

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

What walks downstairs, alone or in pairs and makes a slinkity sound? A spring a spring a marvelous thing, everyone knows it's Slinky.

It's the beginning to a familiar television commercial jingle, one that remains as fresh in our minds as the day it debuted more than 20 years ago.

And like the jingle, the toy itself remains a mainstay in stores across the country. In its 53 year history, slinky has grown. New products have been added, including plastic Slinkys, neon Slinky pets, even gold plated and solid sterling silver Slinkys.

The product's most recent change, however, was in its home. Poof products, one of the many residents of R.A.DeMattia's Metro West business park in Plymouth, recently acquired James Industries, the firm that produces the popular toy.



The Poof product line also includes foam sports balls and other toys. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

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"There's a great move toward nostalgia in the country," said Ray Dallavecchia, Jr, president and CEO of Poof Products. "I played with Slinkys when I was young, and my children played with them, too."

Poof was originally a subdivision of Automotive Technology Plastics, Inc. that made foam balls and other toys. When Dallavecchia bought the company in 1991, it consisted of a single 18,000-square foot facility.

Today, while the company still uses that building as a manufacturing facility for its line of foams toy products, Poof has expanded to 43,000 square feet, and the 100,000 square foot factory in Pennsylvania where Slinkys are produced.

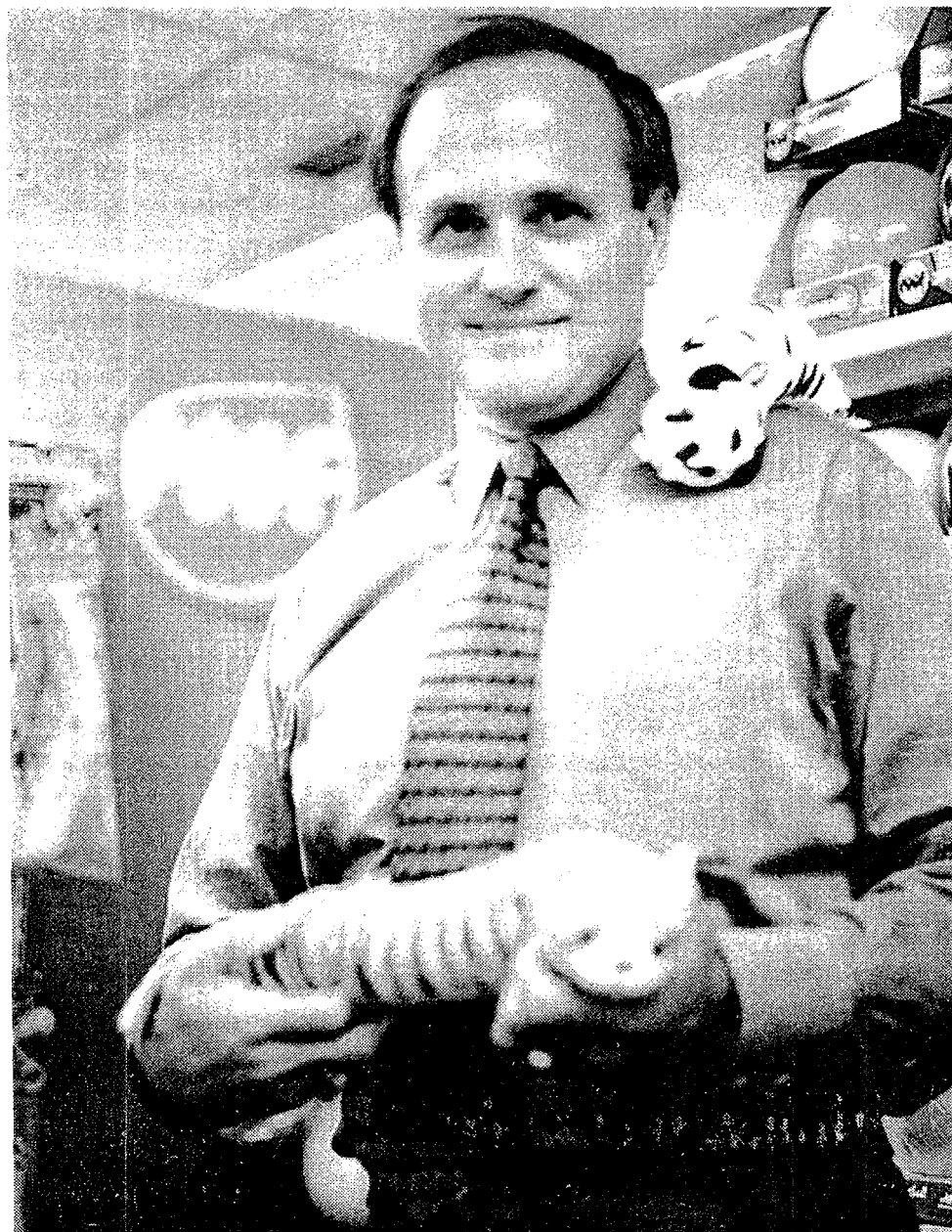
The acquisition was a natural phase of expansion for Poof, Dallavecchia said.

"They were looking for someone that would ensure the plant would stay in Pennsylvania, and we were looking at it as a company that would make a lot of sense to buy," Dallavecchia said. "We already had a lot of the same customers and were in the same stores. We fit their profile and they fit ours."

The Slinky name will do more than expand Poof's already impressive product line. It gives Poof instant name recognition and puts Plymouth on the toy map in a way it hasn't been since Daisy Manufacturing moved to Arkansas in 1958.

Slinky has a 90 per cent recognition rate, meaning 90 per cent of Americans know what a Slinky is, Dallavecchia said.

Dallavecchia said Poof will try to expand on the Slinky line, and capture the growing popularity of the toy sparked by the recent movie



Ray Dallavecchia, Jr. president and CEO of Poof Toy Products, Inc., hopes to bring Slinky into the future. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

Toy Story, and its upcoming sequel. up with an idea and submit it to the

One of the new product lines is Slinky Pets, fabric covered Slinkys with animal heads that could be the next Beanie Baby, Dallavecchia said.

New product ideas are usually generated by

I played with Slinkys when I was young and my children played with them, too

— Ray Dallavecchia, Jr
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freelancers, a lot of royalty checks, and we're happy to do it." Dallavecchia said.

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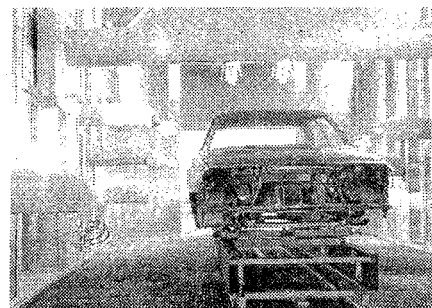
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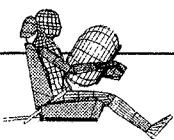
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A diamond in the rough

Historic church finds new life and the City of Northville's stamp of approval

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BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

If you haven't been in the Presbyterian Church in downtown Northville lately, you should go now.

Gone is the somber, dimly-lit sanctuary that was most recently the home to The Raven, a restaurant that operated in conjunction with the Gitfiddler music store.

In its place is a maze of shelving, bright lighting, colorful paper and display after display of rubber stamps.

The Stamp Peddler has moved in, and it's just the first phase of

owners Margene and Bob Buckhave's vision.

The Buckhaves bought the building for \$625,000 and kicked off the long renovation process with a party, Dec. 6, 1997.

"Ignorance is bliss," Bob said. "We didn't realize what we'd be doing in eight months. The five day work weeks ended up being seven-day, 14-hour work weeks."

It shows. Renovations so far have included the addition of a second floor above the sanctuary, tearing out the old building's kitchen, adding entrances and opening two rooms for retail space, one of which houses the Stamp Peddler, and the other a

subsidiary of the business, the corner, they said, specializing in photo albums.

The renovations have added another 2,600 square feet of retail space to what was already one of the largest retailers of rubber stamps

and embossing supplies in Plymouth Canton and Northville. The loft will be eventually converted into living space, and that's just the beginning of the changes the Buckhave's have for

Next week they will begin

exterior renovations on the 114-year old building, which has been to Northville what the Mayflower has become to Plymouth.

"It's the first thing people see when they come into the community and it's not very appealing," Bob said. "We hope to change that."

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Historic church finds new life as retail center

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outside of the building, the Buckhaves plan to break ground on a new development for the corner in the springtime. New plans include two other buildings with a similar architectural style that will form a small, C-shaped strip center separated by an open courtyard.

The Stamp Peddler will remain in the bottom floor of the church, and space in the new building will be leased out to other retail tenants, Margene said.

"Everyone has been telling us that they're thrilled that the building isn't being torn down," she said. "There were many developers looking at the site, but they wanted to tear it down and start over. We just looked at it and saw all the potential."



Margene and Bob Buckhave (above) have put their own special stamp on one of Northville's most visible historic buildings. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

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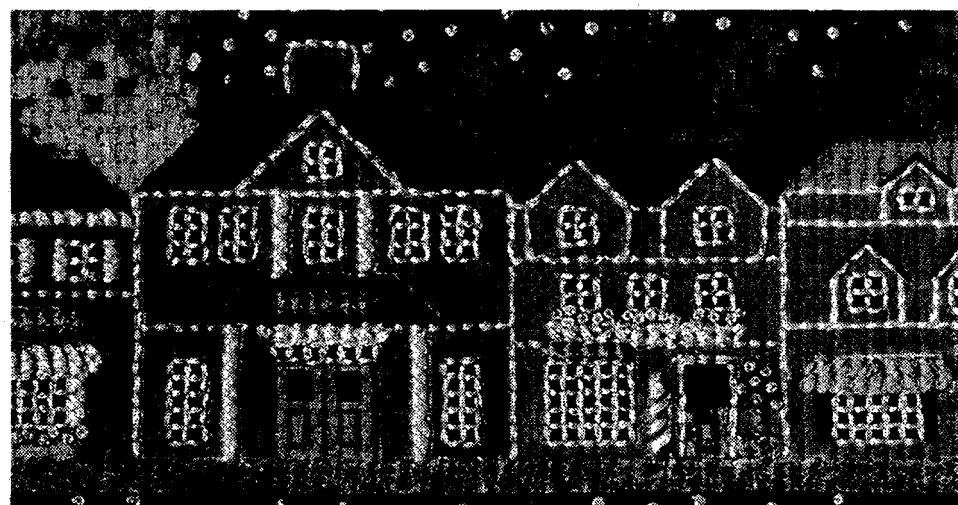
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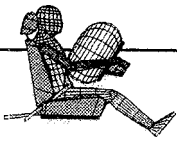
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Pilgrim takes care of cars and customers

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

In the lobby at Pilgrim Auto Care there sits a vintage 1945 Sunbeam motorcycle with side car. It has a sleek design, black and curved and smooth to the touch. Simple and reserved with only the necessary instruments, it's a no-frills machine.

The same thing can be said for Pilgrim itself. The site has served as a Firestone auto care center for more than 30 years, and in that time has gained a reputation as an honest shop.

Stories about customers being conned into getting more service than they need have surfaced around the country for the past several years. With the increasing complexity of new autos and trucks, the needy customer can often be left vulnerable to a nefarious auto garage.

But that's not the case with Pilgrim Auto Care. Oftentimes their second opinion has saved customers hundreds, even thousands, of dollars in unnecessary repairs.

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"The biggest key to success," Voss continues, "is education of the customer."

The front end of a new Ford Taurus sits in the lobby so customers can see what's wrong with their car without getting dirty.

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"It helps us maintain a history of our customers' vehicles," Voss says.

Pilgrim is a full service garage, a "one-stop shop," Voss says. Many of their mechanics are fully certified "master mechanics" that can work on every aspect of the car.

"If the motor needs to be fixed my guys can do that," says Voss. "If its tires that need to be replaced they can do that to."



Mechanic Richard Bryce completes one of Pilgrim's free auto checks, available with every service (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)



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Long strong: P-C-N commercial property market

It's like a wave that rises up, curls, and doesn't fall: the commercial real estate market in Plymouth-Canton-Northville is running with unrelenting strength.

Retail space, office space and raw land development — collectively called commercial real estate — has been selling and leasing as soon as it's available, according to local agents. In a business where demand usually rises and falls cyclically, they say, the steady pace in P-C-N is a surprise.

"The market is tremendous," said Susan Harvey, of Ashley Capital. "Canton in particular is attractive

because (customers) want to have access to key markets in Metro Detroit."

Proximity to M-14 and I-275, as well as the success of other businesses here make it a desirable place to locate a company.

Ashley Capital specializes in developing improved lots — those with utilities — with 750,000-plus-sq. ft. facilities on spec, according to Harvey. She's been with the company for about five years, she said, and specializes in industrial real estate. The last two years have been particularly strong, she said.

"Things are getting tight and prices are going up quickly."

According to a 1998 mid-year market report published by Signature Associates, "Improved lots in the desirable M-14/I-275 corridor (are) almost non-existent."

And, like most of P-C-N, there is comparatively little vacancy in the township's retail and office buildings.

Among existing spaces for lease, only about 4.3 per cent — 500,000 sq. ft. — of the 13.3 million built is available.

What that has done, according to the Signature report, is push

development "South along I-275 to Michigan Avenue and west." That's exactly where Harvey is working: a 2 million-sq. ft. development of mixed-use facilities on a 230-acre lot at Michigan Avenue and Beck Road.

It's "the market's new corner," said Rick Birdsall, a Northville-based agent with Signature Associates who specializes in large land deals and commercial space.

As big projects like that one succeed and fill up, he said, developers feel confident in pursuing other projects in the area.

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'Once it's coming out of the ground, it's sold'

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And when buildings are full, other businesses want to move in, which in turn keeps rent, lease, resale and purchase costs up, Birdsall said. P-C-N is the place to be.

"Once the blocks are showing, once it's coming out of the ground," he said, "it's sold or leased. This is the largest sustained market we've ever had. It's leveled off and stayed there."

And the market has been barreling along this way for five years in all three commercial real estate branches.

"It's very, very hot," said Pat Pulkownik, a specialist in leased office and retail properties for the Patrician Group. She sees the market with the experienced eye of a veteran.

Pulkownik is a 36-year Plymouth resident and former director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. She spent 15 years selling and leasing properties in Southfield. By comparison, she said, P-C-N rents have been lower than in neighboring markets. That keeps businesses looking to move here, too.

"I think they'll come in-line with others soon," she said. "People are realizing what an absolute gem we have here the Plymouth area. I just keep hoping it doesn't stop."



Big, eh? Well there's more on the way. Ashley Capital's confidence in P-C-N's commercial real estate market was strong enough to build not only this 450,000-sq. ft. multi-tenant facility on spec (without first having a buyer), but to begin further development at the 230-acre site on Michigan Avenue and Beck Road. Bay Logistics has moved into 110,000-sq. ft. of this building. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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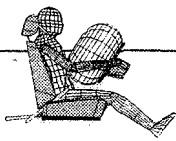
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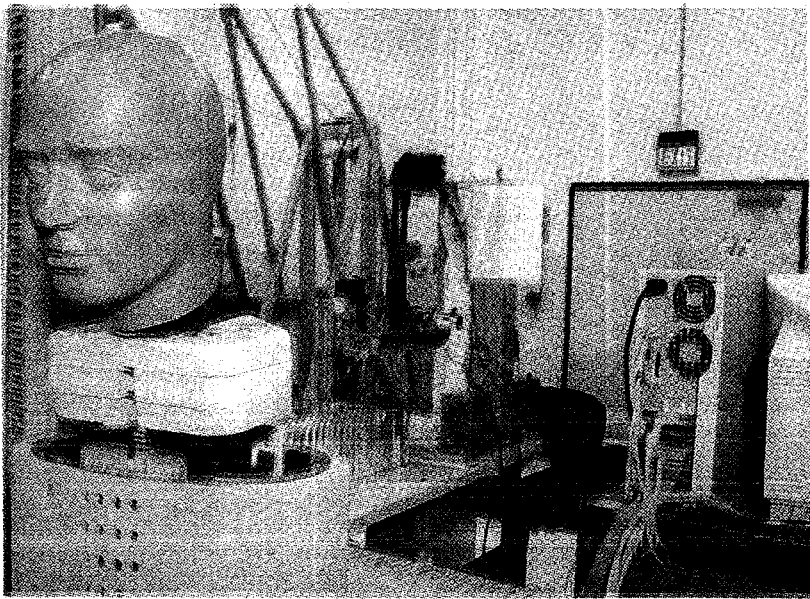


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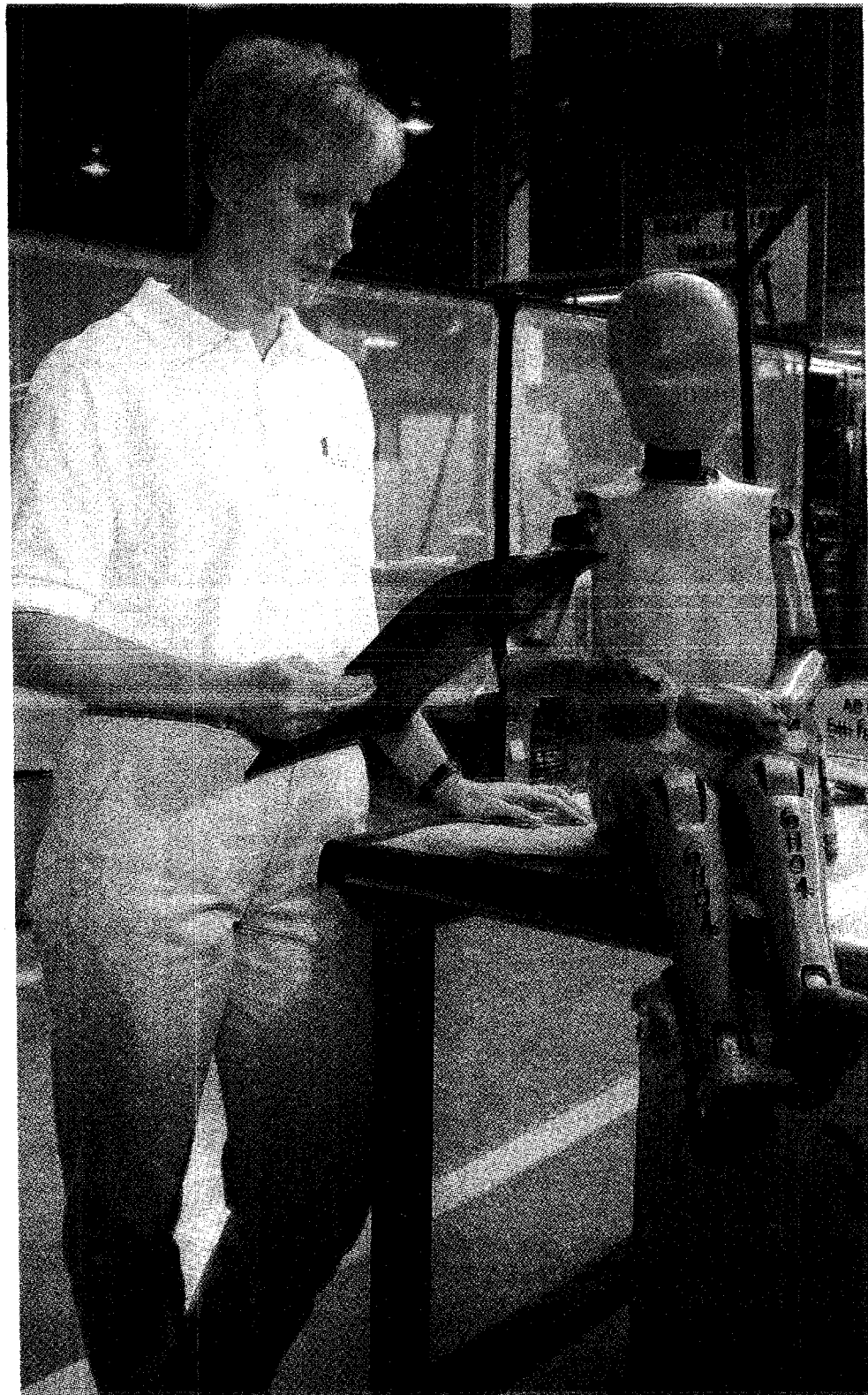
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Located in Metro West Industrial Park just off Beck Road, FTSS has flourished in Plymouth Township since 1991.

With only 50 or so employees at their headquarters, FTSS is a relatively tight-



Karen Ward, executive assistant at First Technology Safety Systems looks over one of FTSS's Hybrid III child dummies. Dummies like this one have been developed to measure the impact of airbags on a child's head. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

knit group. Their office and factory are clean and well-organized. Departments are clearly distinguished and every employee seems to know just where to go.

If you didn't know anything about crash-test dummies, their complexity might surprise you. They are not, as some might suspect, simply large dolls used as filler in a crash-test sequence.

According to Tom Gutwald, vice-president of FTSS, "A lot of instrumentation goes inside a dummy"

Each dummy is a carefully manufactured testing device, with measurement and impact devices built inside.

Take the Hybrid III large male dummy for example. This dummy, developed in 1988, with the help the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and Ohio State University, "represents the largest segment of the adult population," according to an FTSS brochure.

Each piece of the dummy, the head and neck, the upper torso and the

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Dominating the dummy market

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lower torso is specifically designed to represent the corresponding parts of the human body, to react as a human body would react, with the same level of vulnerability.

When the dummies are designed, FTSS employs a series of sources, from engineers to physiologists, to create the life-like structures.

"We even do cadaver studies at Wayne State (University)," Gutwald says.

Each dummy is packed with load cells to measure impact, which are also manufactured at FTSS.

Actual building time of an already-designed dummy takes 4-6 weeks, according to Bob Nicosia, operations manager at FTSS. Most manufacturing of the parts, including the steel and aluminum skeleton is done by FTSS, he said.

"Most of the bones are welded structures," Nicosia said. "The skin is made of liquid PVC (Polyvinylchloride)."

Process of the skin involves "slush molding," Nicosia said, where "the liquid vinyl is poured into heated aluminum casts.

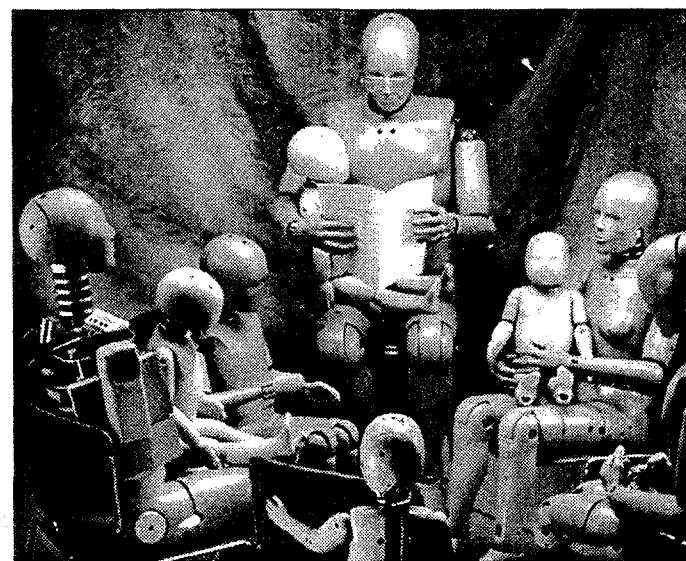
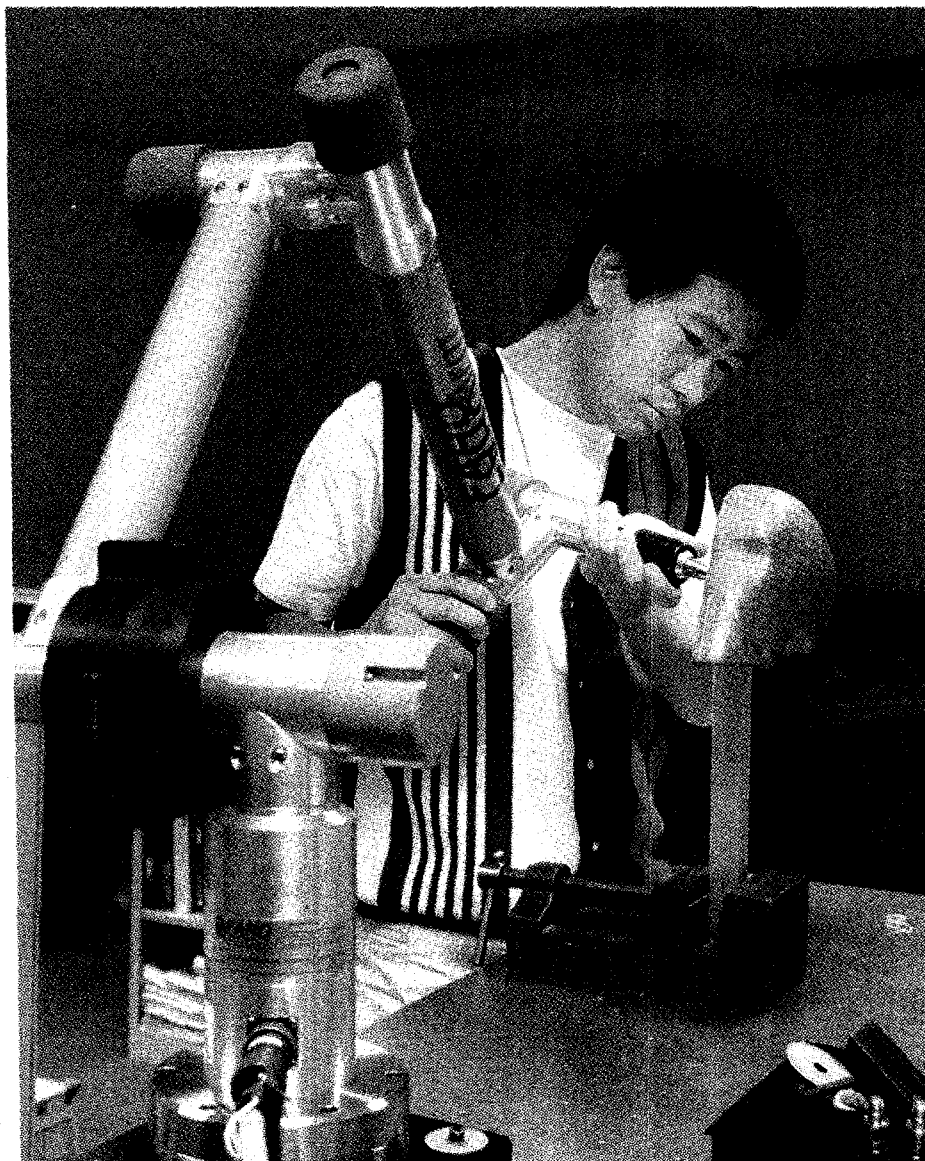
When the dummy pieces are assembled a stiff foam is inserted between the vinyl skin and the aluminum bones, Nicosia says. The components are then run through a series of tests.

"All components must meet certain weight and center of gravity requirements," says Nicosia. "Once we have all components tested we can do the final assembly of the dummy."

Overall FTSS produces about 300 dummies a year, according to Nicosia, with a price tag for each dummy running as high as \$100,000.

"Only about 40 per cent of our business is selling the dummies themselves," Nicosia says. "The other 60 per cent is spare parts."

FTSS has locations around the world, including offices in Europe, Japan, Korea and China. FTSS is actually a subsidiary of a larger



Building a dummy to think

Putting a crash-test dummy together requires the efforts of many specialized personal at FTSS. From design to testing to assembly, the creation of a new dummy can take more than six months.

Jeff Kue, left, takes shape of a dummy head in the design lab while Thu Smith, below left, continues work on FTSS's crash-test simulation software.

Below, a family of crash-test dummies poses for a casual shot, proving dummies are becoming more and more human all the time. Crier photos (left and below left) by R. Alwood, Jr. Photo below, by Richard Hirneisen.

company called First Technology PLC located in Great Britain. FTSS was created through the merging of two leading crash-test dummy companies about 10 years ago: Humanetics and Alderson Research.

The history of Alderson dates back to the primitive years of dummy research, according to Gutwald, just after World War II.

Some of the dummies were even used by the Apollo space program for their testing.

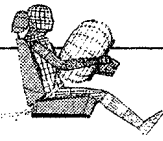
Today, FTSS is looking ahead. Its business has expanded outside the Big Three automakers to include seatbelt and airbag manufacturers.

They have also designed a child-sized dummy to test the possible deadly effects of airbag deployment

on young passengers, a popular issue in the media of late.

A crash-test simulation software program was also developed last year for virtual testing of the dummies.

Nicosia admits the software program hasn't yet caught on, but is confident of its uses. "I think were a little ahead of our time," he says.



Food that's unique, not expensive

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Three words come to mind after eating at Cafe Giverny: good, cheap and attractive.

Take the Toskana Panini for example. When the meal arrives, it often sparkles with a certain rainbow quality.

The main course is hidden among a slew of greens, oranges and reds. The plates are large and filled to the edges. Sliced like flowers, strawberries and apples are laid out over a side salad with eggplant and a tomato, creamy dressing. While the main dish, three layers of pita bread filled with beans and chicken, hides underneath, awaiting pleasant discovery.

The flavor doesn't disappoint either. Confronted by a myriad of tastes, your palette is convinced of the foods' authenticity.

According to owner Jasmine Dulbuic, the food has its origins in Austria, where paninis have been served for more than 150 years. His recipes are based closely on the originals.

"The only thing different is the bread," he says. "I couldn't find bread here like I could in Austria."

Often "more unique" translates to "more expensive," but that's not the case with Cafe Giverny. Despite its trendy European flair, its prices stay within most budget-minded limits. Customers are often surprised to find \$5 can buy so much.

Opened in 1997, Cafe Giverny originally started as a crepe and coffee place, doing most of its business before noon. But Dulbuic, who also owns Vienna Coffeshop in Grosse Pointe Park, quickly realized the small cafe needed a new angle.

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The sandwiches Dulbuic began serving offered a definite variety for The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

"The food is absolutely different. Nobody has a program like us around here," Dulbuic says. "We are trying to give the people light and healthy food."

All food is served fresh everyday, Dulbuic says. He personally goes to the market every morning to purchase the days fruits and vegetables. "Unlike the bigger places, we don't refrigerate our salads. The salad you eat was probably cut less than a half hour ago," he says.

Dulbuic is himself something of a

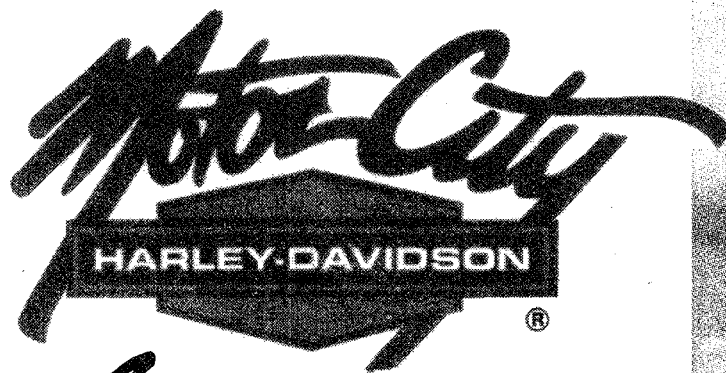
success story. After fleeing his warring homeland of Bosnia four years ago, Dulbuic could speak hardly a word of english when he landed in the United States.

Two years later, he had already opened Vienna Coffeshop, and today is looking to expand Cafe Giverny again.

Starting Sept. 15, Cafe Giverny will increase its menu to include 25-30 more sandwich varieties, pasta and more salads.

With the menu expansion, and the good word-of-mouth advertising Cafe Giverny has been getting already, Dulbuic is hoping to become a culinary standard in Plymouth.

"I like Plymouth because it's very similar to the European style of life," says Dulbuic. "I think I'd like to stay for a long time."

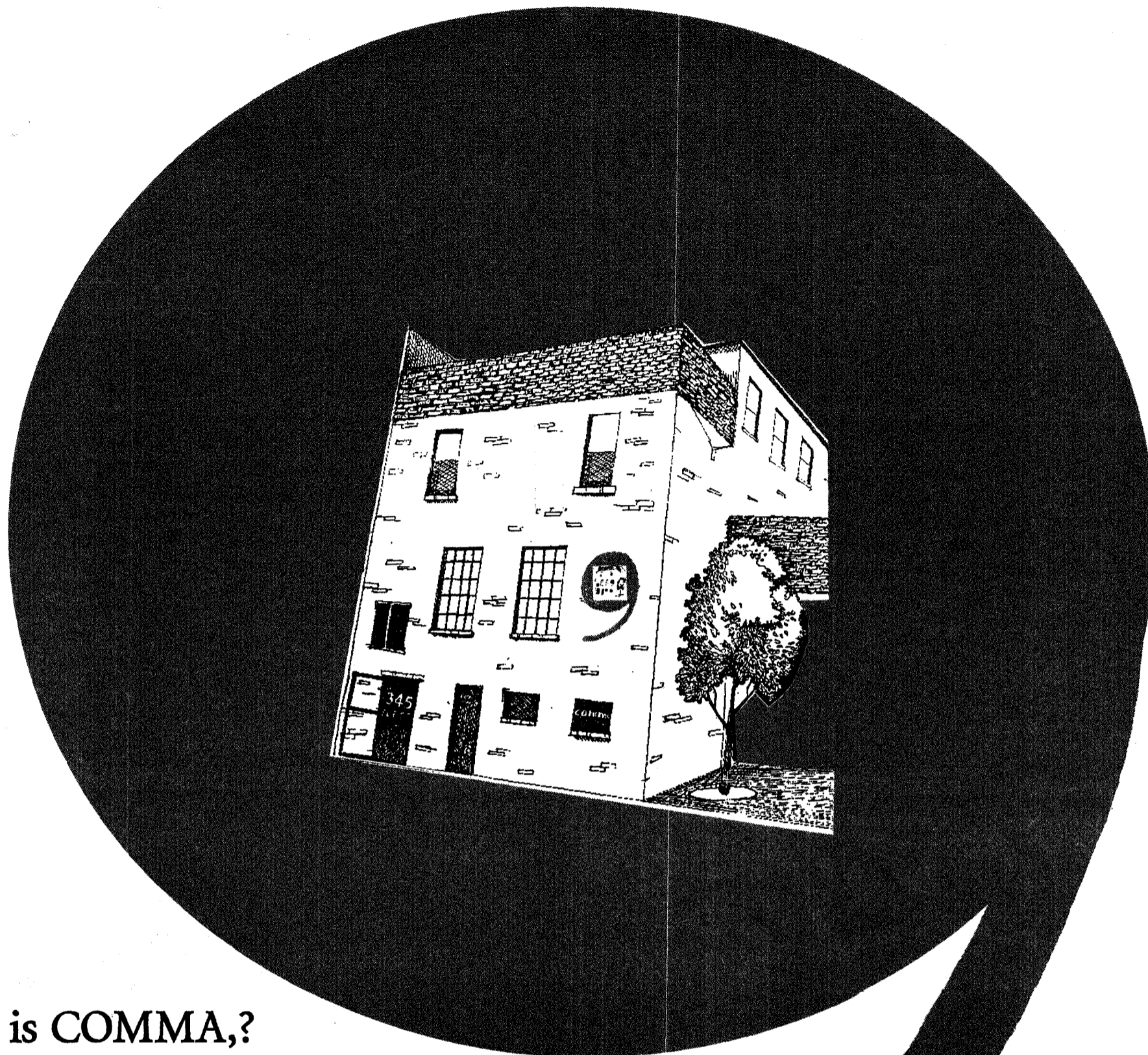


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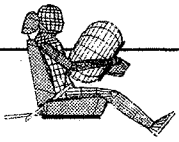
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Visteon sets up top CC shop in Twp.

Since 1969, whenever Dearborn cartographers mapped out Ford Country they included Plymouth, home to the Sheldon Road Plant.

Today, as Ford Motor Company expands its territories in the global market, Plymouth makes the map again.

Visteon, the international parts supplier spun off from Ford a year ago, has brought its Climate Controls Division (CCD) Headquarters to Plymouth Township.

Visteon's reconfiguration of the former Winkleman's headquarters in Metro West industrial Park is well underway, the first of three phases already complete.

When Visteon is done, it will have spent \$17 million to convert office space, remodel and build research and development labs,

according to Visteon spokesperson Norm Johnson. Renovations are expected to be complete early in 1999, he said.

When they are, more than 800 employes will work at the building, headquarters for the nine plants Visteon has worldwide which produce climate control components. Some of those plants are as far-flung as Europe and Asia. Others are as close as Sheldon Road.

Although the sign out in front still bears the Ford Oval, workers inside the Sheldon Road plant have been making climate control components for Visteon about a year.

Having a plant that makes climate control parts within a two miles of the CCD headquarters was one the major attractions of the Metro West location, Johnson said.

When the second phase is done, engineers will have moved in and will be designing parts right around the corner from the plant where they'll be built.

"The engineers can go virtually next door and talk with the people actually making the components," Johnson said.

The Metro West spot affords employes an equally short trip to restaurants, services and, for some, home.

"The move was a great area," Johnson said. "I know we've got a lot of employes who live in the area and they're happy to be able to work in the community."

Ford created the company last year to help sell its components in markets where buyers have passed on parts bearing the Ford name. Since then Mazda, Nissan and

General Motors have become Visteon clients.

The company isn't prejudiced, though. It's mounting a drive to manufacture parts for other industries, not just auto production, according to Johnson.

Currently, Visteon is supplying parts for a power generator that eventually would be sold to shopping malls, industrial parks and other big consumers of electricity. For that project, Johnson said, Visteon's climate control division is making radiators.

By 2002, Johnson said, Visteon's goal is to earn 20 per cent of its sales from non-Ford clients.

The greater its success, the busier employes will be at CCD headquarters, managing the remote corners of Ford Country from 250,000 square feet in Plymouth.

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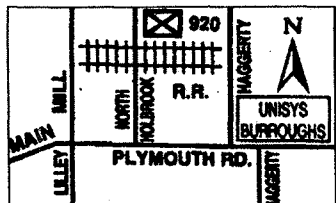
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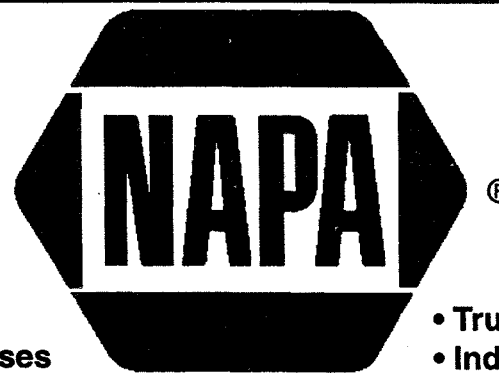
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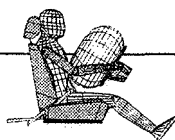
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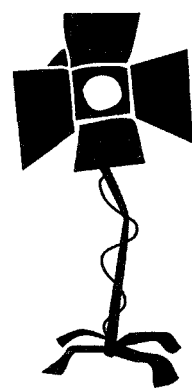


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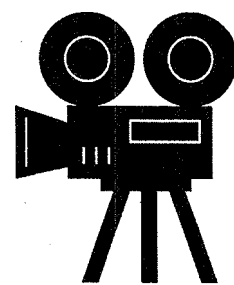
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How the City benefits from the pain of hosting a shoot

BY BRYON MARTIN

Escape. It's one of the greatest powers filmmakers have; the ability to liberate viewers from their everyday fetters and transport them to another place and time.

And filmgoers, they like the trip. Through special effects they can escape to nearly any location: the beaches of normandy in June 1944; the prow of the Titanic on its doomed voyage; the surface of an earth-shattering meteor as it hurtles through space.

Where the filmmaker takes his audience depends on what he wants them to see and, ultimately, feel. Location is a tool. And while meteors and big boats may be this summer's exciting locales, more frequently used is the Small Town.

Director Robert Zemeckis used a quaint downtown set in his 1986 movie, "Back to the future." Much of the action happens in a downtown with a clocktower, a movie theatre and central park that remind some Plymouthites of home. And in "A Christmas story" the sleepy bungalow neighborhoods resemble the streets of Old Village. For years, cities that look like Plymouth's siblings have played their parts in Small Town roles.



Strader Productions workers prepare a boom camera last Tuesday for a shot on Main Street. Details like flowerbeds and the Guenther Clock are just what producers look for in "Small Town" settings (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr).

In the early '80s "Word of honor," became the first and only full-length movie to use Plymouth as its backdrop. No production here has ever matched it in size or duration.

In the last three years, though, smaller crews have been coming to the City in increasingly larger numbers for one-, two- and three-day shoots.

Their productions may not immerse viewers in location like a feature film does, but the setting bears an association with the content and influences viewers' responses. For a Small Town feel, they come to Plymouth.

Never as much as in the last three weeks has this been apparent. Pedestrians on Penniman Avenue last Tuesday found themselves walking away from a production at one end of the street and toward another.

In front of the Penn Theatre, Nashville-based Strader Productions was wrapping up three days of shooting a series of car commercials for New England-area dealers.

At the same time crews spent the day shooting a Michigan Lottery commercial at a house on Penniman and Harvey Street. Three weeks ago, Detroit Edison

If the film crews keep coming at this rate, Paul Sincock is going to need a beret and a director's chair.

As head of the City's department of Municipal Services coordinates with film crews to get them what they need while they're in town.

Sometimes, he said, they want a lot. Sincock does his best.

Block off a street!

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Paul and the DMS crew have met challenges from the simple to the surreal.

"In years past we've made it rain," he said.

"There's been some pretty strange requests, and these things do cause inconvenience."

One crew wanted to stop all traffic into the downtown, he said. "I told them only CSX can do that."

The trick, he said, is in finding a balance between what a producer wants and what the City is willing to

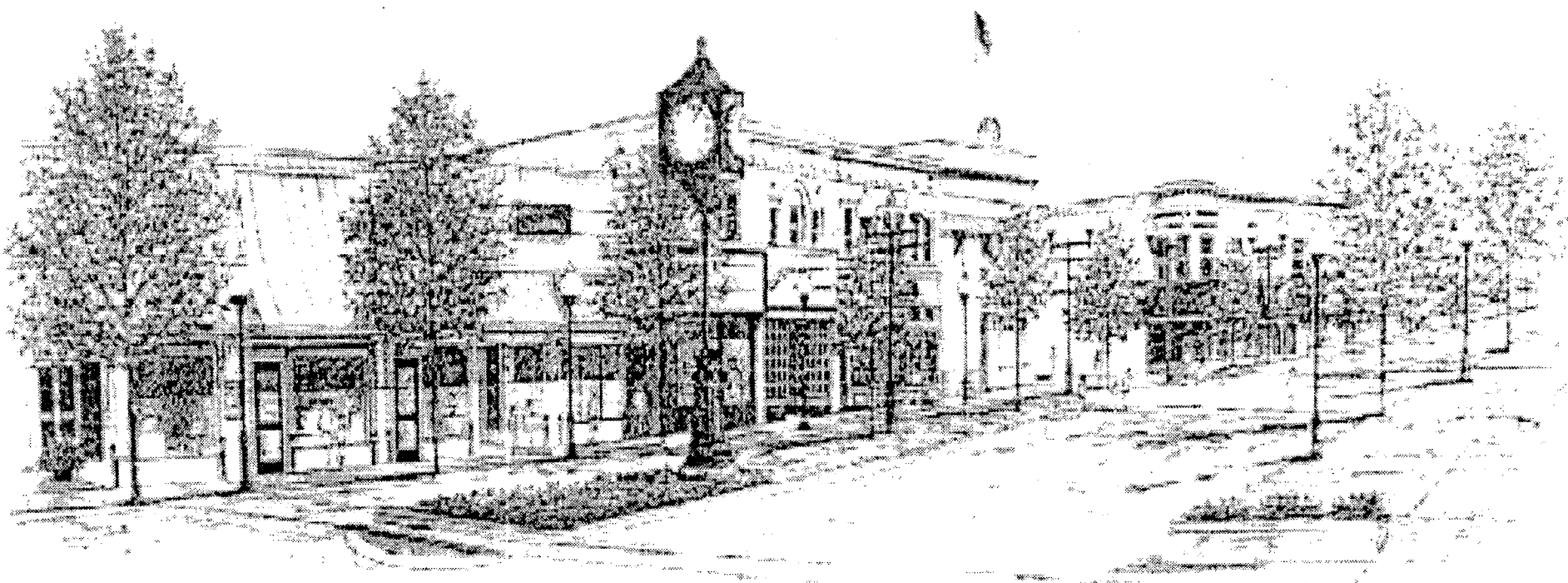
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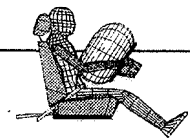
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put up with.

Instead of closing down all of Penniman Avenue for a Tuesday afternoon, how about just half the block for a few hours during shooting? It seems that playing host to producers is like politics: an art of compromise.

In return for enduring these little pains, Sincock said the City and its businesses profit. The bigger the shoot, the bigger the bucks.

The City charges producers for: Police support, \$35 per hour, per officer; DMS workers, \$41 per hour, per worker; Barricades, \$1 each to block off a street.

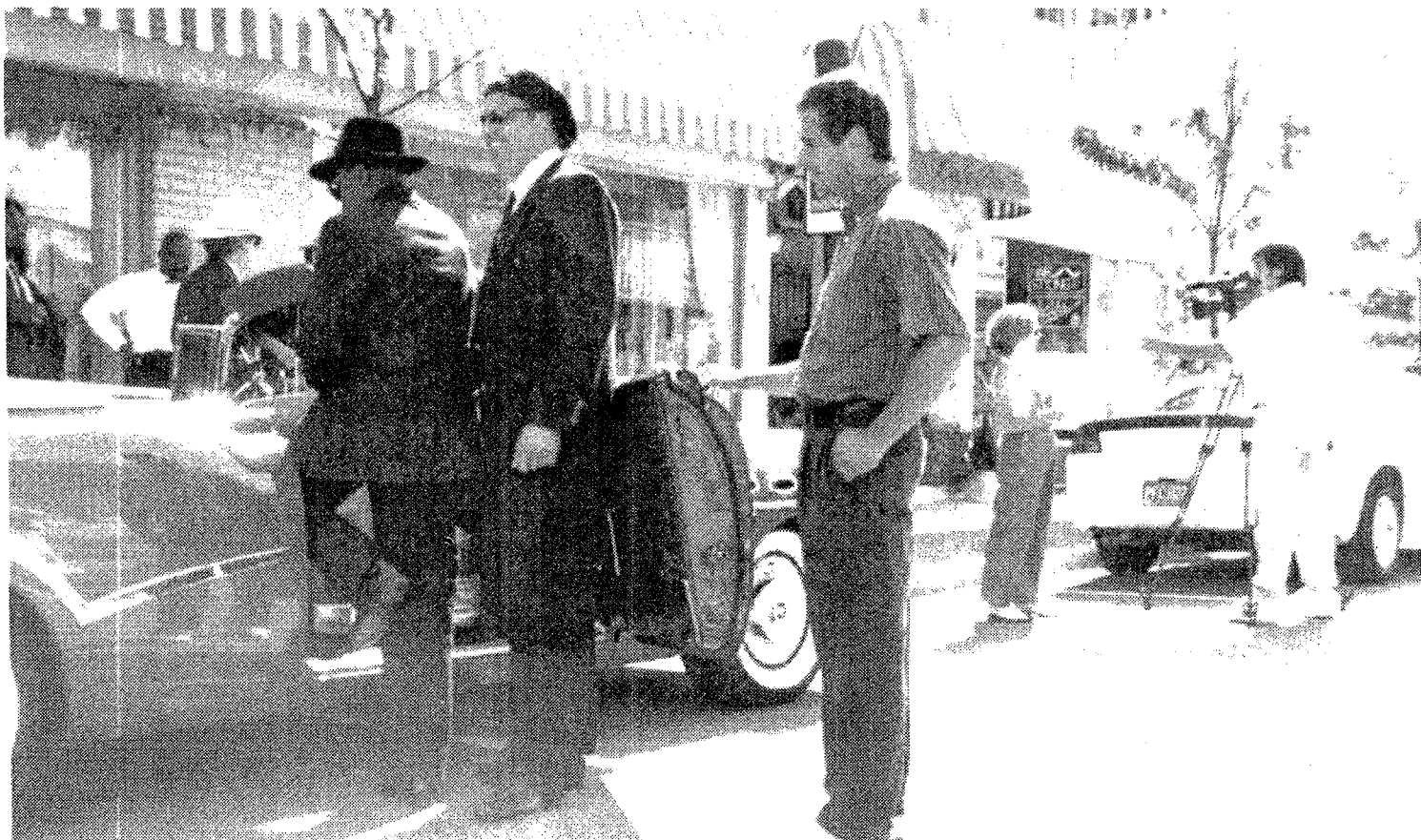
Plus, they pay the City \$250 a day just for the pleasure of shooting in Plymouth, according to Sincock.

But don't expect to see the Plymouth equivalent of a giant HOLLYWOOD sign atop a nearby hill. "We're not in it for the money," Sincock said.

Good thing.

Most shoots only last a day or so. And by the time the City totals all

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As a producer-director for Detroit Edison, John Milan needed a picturesque town that would welcome his crew to shoot their industrial video. As a City resident, he knew Plymouth offered both. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

Plymouth: 'Attractive, but accessible'

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filmed parts of a training video on Penniman and in Old Village.

What brings them all to Plymouth? According to producer Chuck Strader, it's a combination of look and feel.

"Certain towns are similar to Plymouth, but there's no way to do what we're doing here," said Strader, founder of Strader Productions.

He and his crew of 65 are producing eight Toyota commercials for dealers in Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont and New Hampshire. Each spot is a different take on a similar theme: passersby taking notice as a new Toyota drives through their little town.

What Strader needed was not just a town with the right look, but the right attitude. He found it in Plymouth.

The Strader shoot would entail blocking off streets and taking up a considerable amount of space used by pedestrians and shoppers. Strader needed a place where officials would welcome his film crew for a

few days of inconvenience. It was Alan Werneken's job to find one.

Werneken is the creative director for Strader Productions and is charged with devising all aspects of production. He knew that to reach New England consumers, the commercials should be shot in a setting they would appreciate.

Quaint shops around a central square. Lots of trees. Fountain are always nice, too. Together, they create a desirable backdrop. Small Towns are safe. Small Towns are cute. Small-Town environments are what Werneken's target audience wants. Fill the streets with Toyotas and, he hopes, and they'll want those too.

"Most Toyotas are built in the United States and we wanted to show them in a family environment," he said.

Werneken sketched storyboards to depict what such an environment would look like. He sent them to location scouts across the country, and waited for them to find a match.

Sonoma, in northern California, and Nashville were contenders,

according to Strader. Both had the look. But neither were excited about the prospect of blocked streets and film crews running around town.

That's when Werneken, a Grosse Pointe native now working in Boston, remembered Plymouth.

Small Town?

Check.

"It's the all-American town and that's what I love about it," he said. "It's attractive but accessible. It's not too nice."

Cooperative officials?

Check.

"Other towns would only let us shoot on weekends," Strader said, praising the City's municipal service department. "Paul Sincock and Scott Baker have been just wonderful."

He and Werneken had their Small Town. They came to Plymouth, hired local actors and production crews and shot their commercials among Plymouth's flowers, trees and 19th-Century storefronts. They'd found exactly what they'd hoped to.

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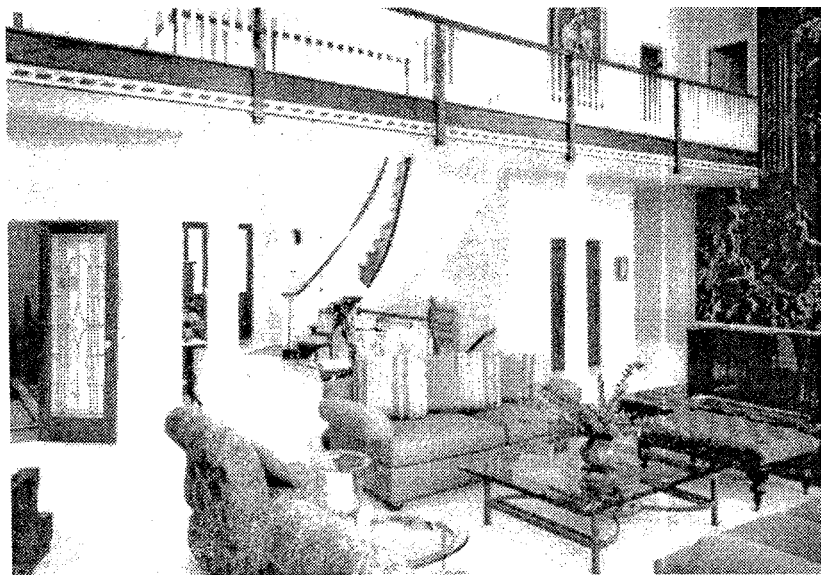


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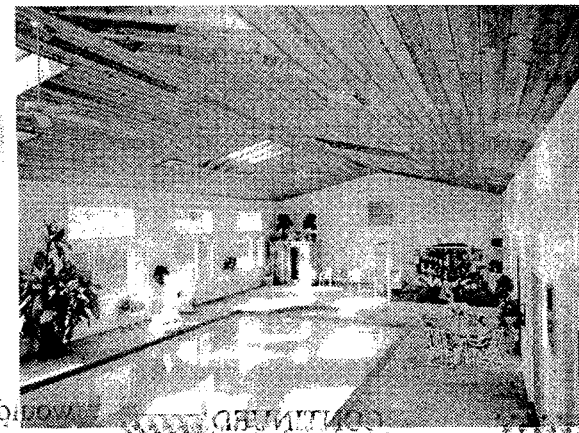
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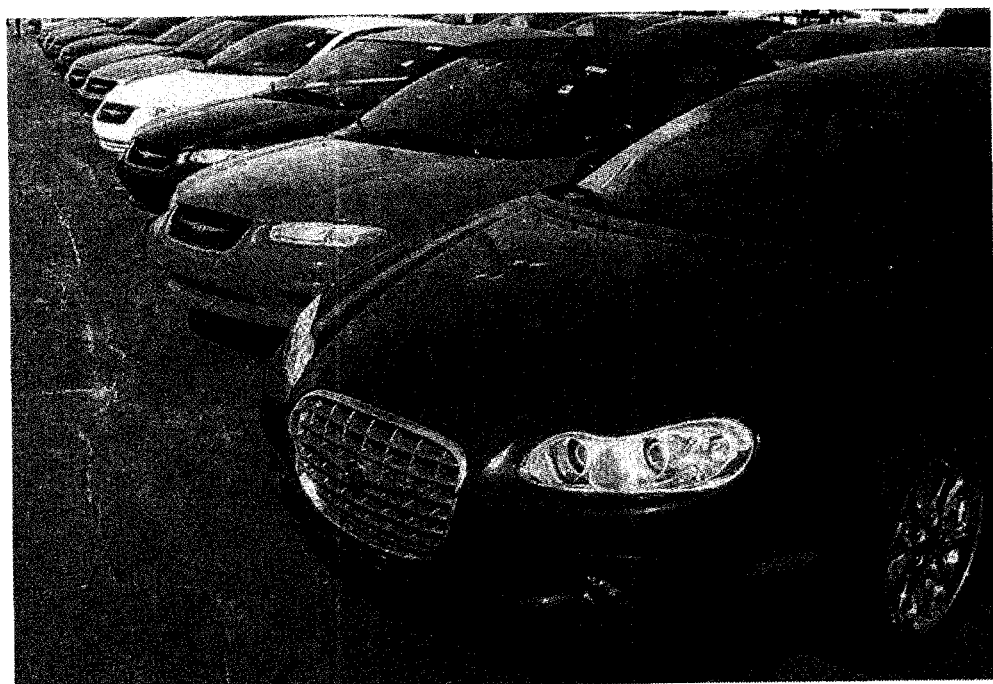
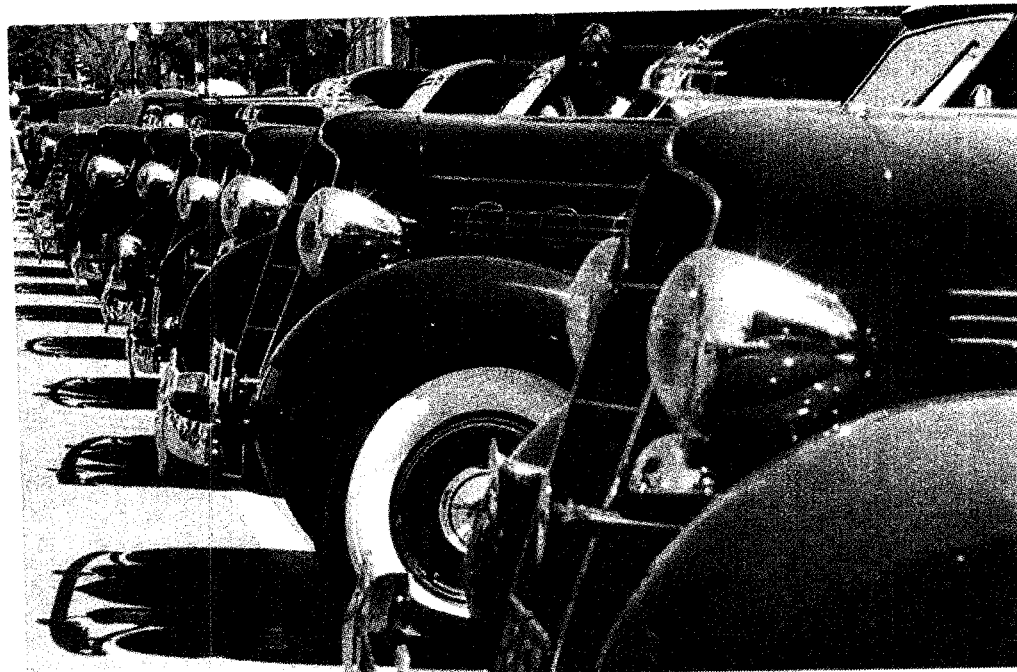
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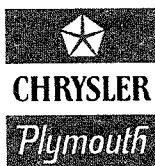
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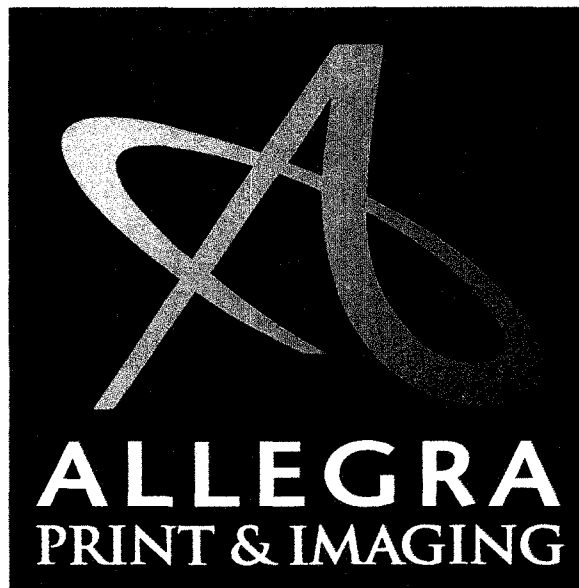
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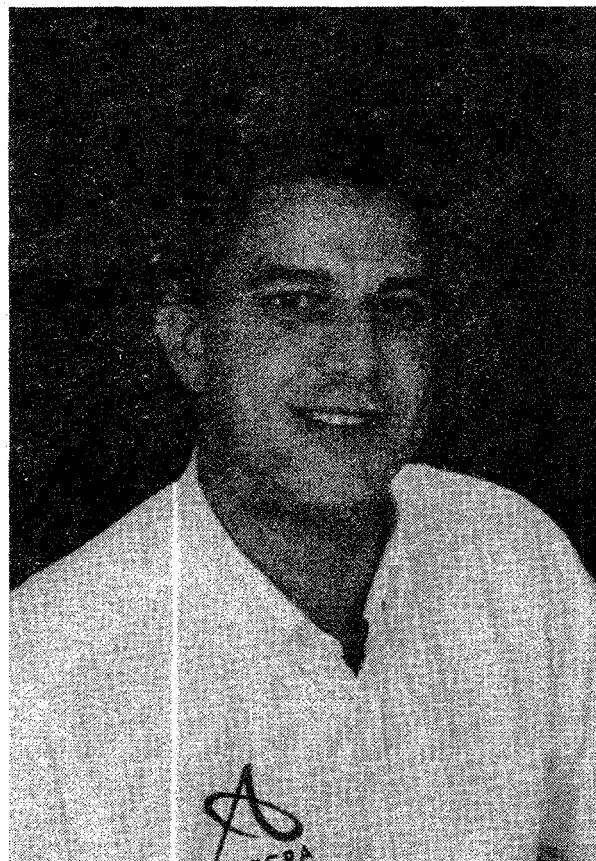
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A KID'S EYE VIEW

Just for the kids....

With plenty of food and entertainment, the Fall Festival is clearly an event that kids of all ages will enjoy.

Whether it's the rides for the kids, or the Optimist Pet Contest, a popular mainstay of the Festival's Saturday morning routine (below).

There is also face-painting booths, sand art booths and plenty of entertainment.

In Fall Fests past, Penniman Avenue has been blocked off and filled with all sorts of fun activities for the kids: there were moonwalks, carnival rides face painting and sand art.

The New Morning School booth provided other games, and the Salem Dugout and Soccer clubs offered pitching games and kicking games.

If you're wondering where they are, don't panic! The games have just been moved to Ann Arbor Trail the site of last year's inflatable climbing mountain.

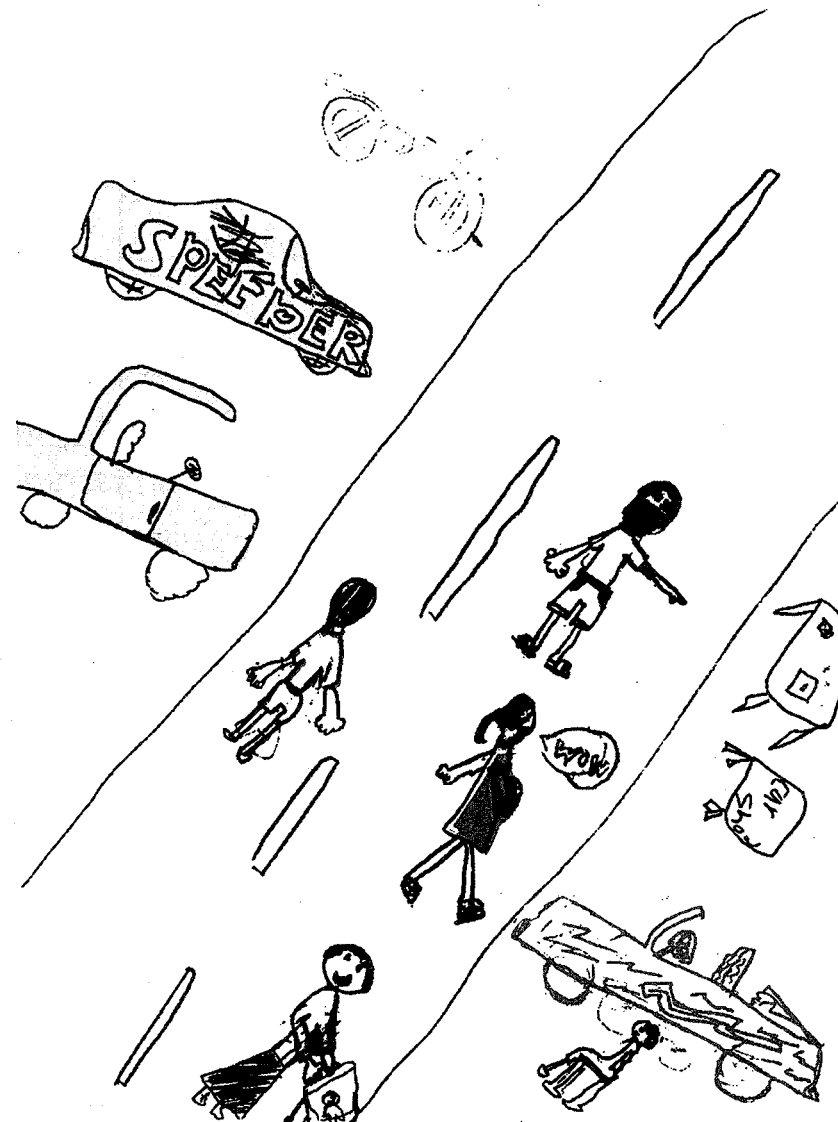
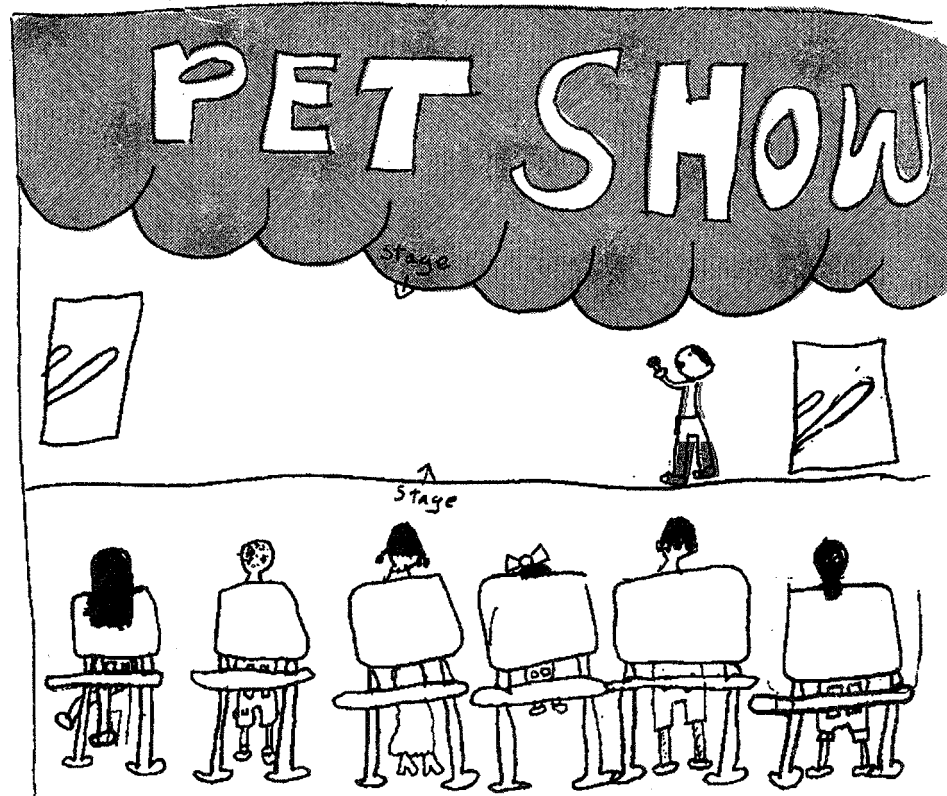


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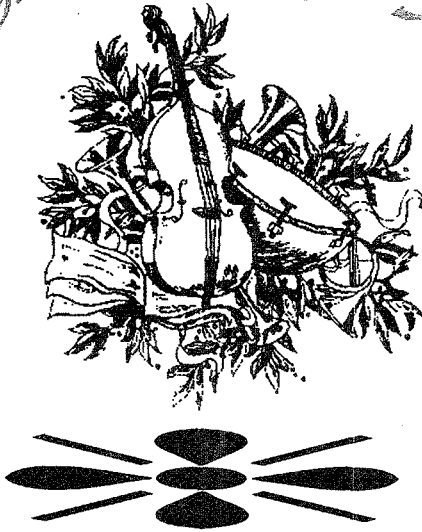
Hi, I'm Leah Varga.

I'm 8-and-a-half years old. I go to Bird School.

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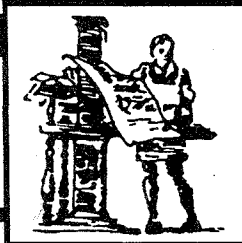
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There's something for everyone at the Fest

Two stages means twice the fun, non-stop entertainment — and a bigger budget

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Community groups and fund raising are only half of what's happening at the Fall Festival. What good is a Civitan's Yack Tori steak sandwich without a place to sit and listen to music while eating?

The music mixes with the call of volunteers hawking their wares, the sizzle of pirogies on a portable grill and the children laughing on the mini-midway.

The Fall Festival will have a wider variety of goings-on than ever this year, according to Kathy Turnquist, vice-president of entertainment for the festival.

The reason: a second stage and a bigger budget, although that's not how it started out, Turnquist said.

"They gave me a budget less than last year's and a second stage to fill, too," Turnquist said.

"A lot of the groups that had volunteered to perform for free either backed out or wanted to be paid this year, which also drove the coast up.

"Most bands usually give us a really big discount," she added. "We're just not used to paying the going rate."

The music starts at 5 p.m. Friday with The Couriers, a nine member band which plays big band music. The band consists of three woodwinds, two brass, three rhythm and a solo female vocalist, led by Al Townsend, a trombonist for the Gene Krupa band during the 1940s.

The Couriers are followed by two line dancing groups, Spirit of Country and Denim and Lace, that will entertain the crowds until the festival closes at 10 p.m.

Saturday's entertainment includes an afternoon karate demonstration in Kellogg Park and for the first time, a Chili Championship Cook-off under the Gathering.

Stage one will feature the Optimist Pet Contest from 9 - 11 a.m., and afternoon performances by the Plymouth Community Band and musicians such as Justine Blazer, a 15-year-old vocalist who sings, country, classical pop and jazz music; the all-female band Stun Gun and the popular Del Kaufman & Big Band Express.

Dancers will turn the second stage into a public studio throughout the morning and afternoon, Turnquist said. Groups such as the Polish Dancers, Irish Dancers and Masters of Dance Arts will give hour-long performances throughout the day.

Saturday's entertainment ends with a street dance from 8 - 9:45 p.m.

Turnquist said a second stage allows for constant entertainment. The performances are staggered, allowing each group a half hour of take down and set up time while another group is performing on the other stage. Both stages are located in front of the Penn Theatre.

Sunday's entertainment includes the all-day autoshow, which will line Main street and Penniman Avenue. Yo-yo Man will perform in Kellogg Park in the afternoon, as will Kicks Tae Kwon Do.

Stage one performers include the rock-n-roll band Counter Play, the Canton Dance and Performing Arts. 1950's group the Larados will close out the festivities with a three-hour performance of oldies music.

"They were the most expensive group. They put us well over the limit," Turnquist said. "But everyone I talked to said they were more than worth it."



A mini-midway will occupy the kids throughout the Fest (Above) and roving thespians will be dressed as favorite characters. (Crier photos by R. Alwood, Jr.)



The Del Kaufman Quartet is just one of the popular musicians that will perform throughout the weekend. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)



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1998-1999 PROGRAM

Sun. Sept. 20, 1998 4:00: **THE VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN,**
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Sat. Oct. 17, 1998 8:00: **GRAND OPENING,**
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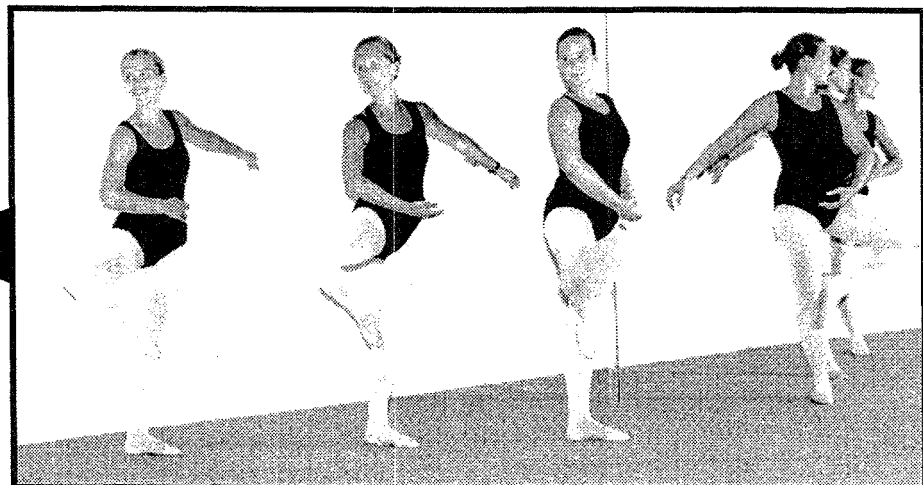
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ARTS

Theatre Guild sells Festival favorites

The Plymouth Theater Guild has had a booth at the Fall Festival for about five years, according to member Mary Lynn Kuna.

The Guild will sell cotton candy and bottles of iced tea again this

year to help support their productions.

Kuna said past years' efforts have raised almost \$1000, a small fraction of the Guild's approximately \$45-48,000 yearly expenses. Every little

bit helps, she said. "We are very happy to raise that."

Most revenue comes from ticket sales and program advertising, she said.

The Guild season begins

September 25 with the opening of the comedy "The Nerd." Musicals "Anything Goes" and "The Sound of Music" will follow, with the mystery "Wait Until Dark" finishing the season.

Arts, crafts fill Central Middle School

ROOM 1 — GYMNASIUM

Cross-Stitch Basketliners — Basket liners

Alex Duchin — Wood Working Marianna originals — Folklore clothing

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Donna Squire — Baskets, bowls, plates

Leonard Kutschman — Woodcrafts

The Hat Lady — Hats, scarfs, etc.

Sheri Claerhout — Corn harvest wreaths

Little River Woodshop — Wood items

Ilene Johndrew — Spinted shirts

Irma Guest — English smocking

Natural Designs Jewelry — Jewelry

Connie Vetrone — "Faux" bake goods

Kathleen Mizrr — Applique tea towels

Mary Cunningham — Calico soft goods

Josephine Page — Fabric pins, wire earrings

Ruth Wagner — Calligraphy

Olde Foldies — Wooden folk art

Patricia's Pots — Painted terra cotta

Design One — Wearable art

Irene's Crafts — Seasonal items

Christine Popoff — Quilting

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PCAC's major fund raiser

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will have its 1998 Artists and Craftsmen Show during this year's Fall Festival, making it the 27th year the show has been a part of the Festival.

More than 100 artisans from all over Michigan and the surrounding states will take part in the juried show.

The show will feature high quality arts and crafts, everything from oils, watercolors, photography, dried flowers, jewelry, acrylics calligraphy, to sewn items and wood items, and much more, according to Carolyn Simons of the PCAC.

Some of the artists will be demonstrating their crafts, she said.

The Festival is the perfect place for the PCAC to have the show, she said.

The show is PCAC's primary fundraiser, Simons said, and will go towards developing and promoting the appreciation and accessibility of the arts for the benefit of all citizens.

The show will again take place at Central Middle School at Church and Main streets. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7.

Donation is \$2 for adults, \$1 for seniors and students, and children under 12 are free.

Wood crafts

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Helen Lee — Glass jug canisters

Prints by Parise — Painted garden accessories

The Whimsical Mind — Ceramic santa clauses

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Shar-chez Creations — Textiles

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The Tole Booth — Decorative painting

Lou's Porcelain Dolls — Porcelain dolls

Santas by Sally — Tole painted items

Pressler Country — Jewelry & clothing

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Beaded jewelry

Wooly Wonders — Wool items-snowmen, etc.

Patrica Riddell — Fabric & wood dolls

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Mary Ellen Roy — Floral

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painting

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 ARTS

Arts, crafts can be found throughout Fest

Central Middle School becomes 'art central' with the absence of Three Cities Art Club

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Although the Three Cities Art Club won't have a booth at the Fall Festival, there will still be plenty of art to enjoy.

The Artist and Craftsmen show will fill the halls and gymnasium of Central

Middle School and spill out onto the lawn. Several painters demonstrated their art at their outside displays, and the Village Potter's Guild sculpted vases in front of the Plymouth Historic Museum.

For the kids, there will be artistic

opportunities a-plenty, either at the New Morning School booth, which will provide face painting, the Plymouth Newcomers booth, which will sponsor a coloring contest. And of course there's always the sand art.

The Arts and Crafts show will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2, and goes to support the Plymouth Community Arts Council.



Dried flower arrangements (above) are just some of the exhibits that can be found at the Artists and Craftsman show at Central Middle School. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)



Many local artists will be exhibiting at the Artists and Craftsman show (above). Or if face painting and sand art is more your speed, check out the New Morning Schol Booth on Ann Arbor Trail (left). (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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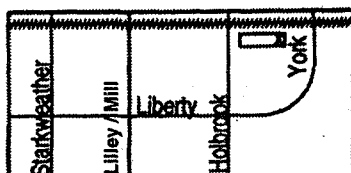
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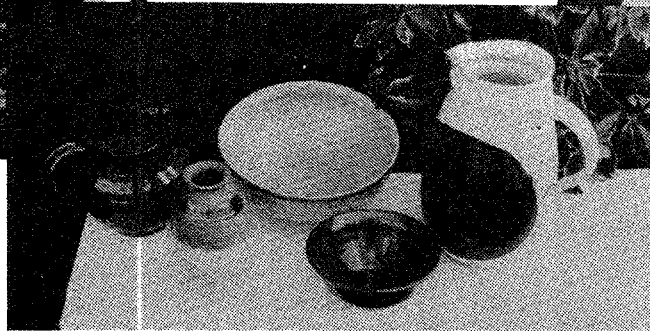
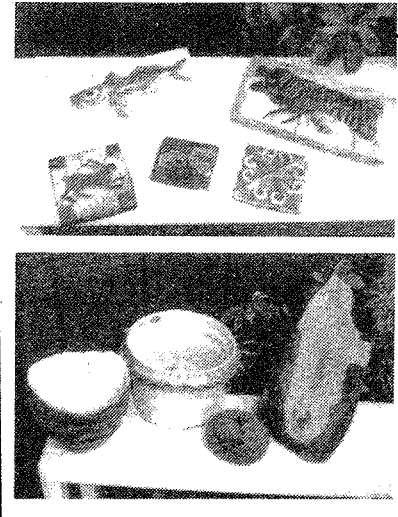
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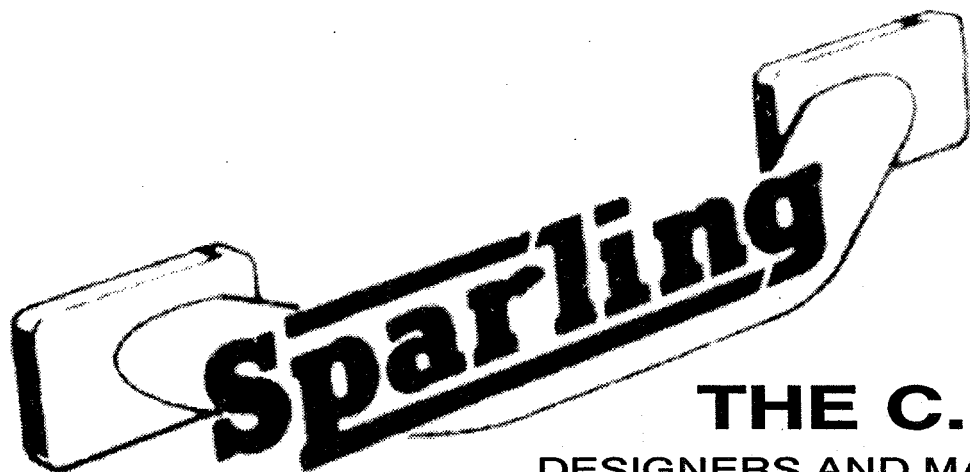
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POETRY CONTEST

Community inspires artistic views

Thanks to all who contributed their poetic visions of Plymouth to The Community Crier for the Fall Festival Poetry contest.

The contest was sponsored by The Crier and The Rev. Rod Reinhart, founder of the Plymouth Poets.

We had a good response for the contest, which asked for poems about Plymouth, whether it be the town itself, the people, the history, the geography or the general area. Some of the poems were lengthy, and lack of

space prohibited The Crier from printing all of the entries, but here are the top four, an entry from our youngest contestant, 10-year-old Jasmine Millwood, as well as a sonnet from Reinhart, Plymouth's Poet in Residence.

1st place — Sandra Renauer 'Oh, the fun we've had in Plymouth'

Children around the fountain go —
The markets open, don't ya know?
Baked goods, plants, flowers and fruit.
Grab your coffee and bring some loot.
Oh, the fun we've had in Plymouth!

It's the Father's Day Race — pick up the pace,
Want to win, or come in last place?
We're a house on the route
So we get to shout:
Oh, the fun we've had in Plymouth!

What's that sound coming from town?
It's music, sweet music, let's get on down.
Take a blanket, we'll sit on the ground,
To relax for a moment with the Big Band sound.
Oh, the fun we've had in Plymouth!

Art in the Park, what a lark!
What happened to my parking spot?
Crafters and food create the mood.
Artwork, glass, things of wood.
Oh, the fun we've had in Plymouth!

The block party's on — isn't it sweet?
The street's blocked off — what a treat!
Picnic tables, pop and beer, of course the bar-b-q
The neighbors come together — golden oldies and the new
Oh, the fun we've had in Plymouth!

What's that smell? We know it well.
Fall Festival chicken on the grill.
Come on — buy a meal for charity —
There's the Fire house, clowns, and dancers to see.
Oh, the fun we've had in Plymouth!

See it at night when the lights are bright —
It's cold out there so bundle up tight.
Ice, Ice is everywhere — shavings dancing in the air,
Magnificent sculptures in the square.
Oh, the fun we've had in Plymouth!

We've laughed and smiled and cried some tears.
We've watched children grow through the years.
Our memories were made with family and friends
Looks like we'll be here till the end.
Oh, the lives we've lived in Plymouth!

2nd place — Rachel Cwiek 'Untitled'

Playing children dancing around the fountain.

Laying around in Kellogg Park on a summer's day.

Yea! shout the children when it's Fall Festival time.

Making sure to be the first one in line at the Penn.

Our own special home town.

Unchanged through the years.

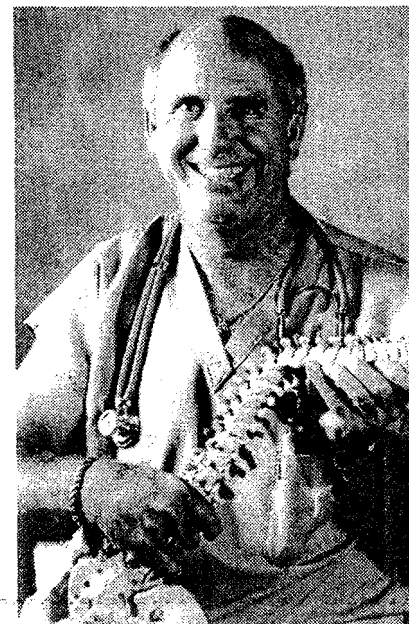
Taking in the scents of the local restaurants.

Hanging out on a corner waiting for "the gang"

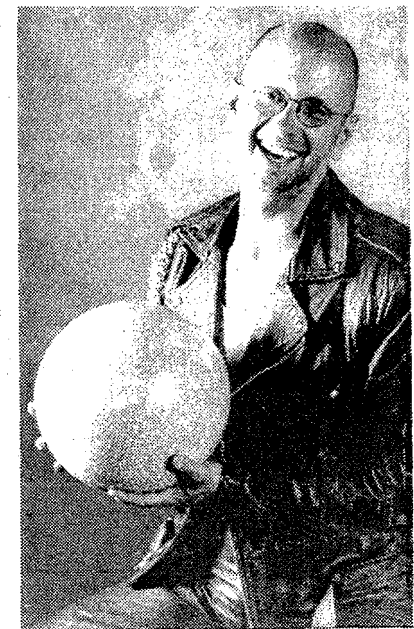
Showing Familiar Faces

Plymouth photographer Jill Andra Young, of Jill Andra Young photography on Penniman Avenue, is showing a collection of 'Familiar Faces' at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

The artwork is comprised of



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Plymouth business owners and business people in poses that reflect their occupation and personality. Admission is free for the show, which runs Aug. 31- Sept. 18.

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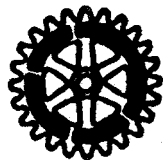
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POETRY CONTEST

Continued

3rd place — Gaye Lucci, 'Plymouth'

Though considered a clever wordsmith
There are few words which rhyme with Plymouth,

So in writing this poem
I will let it be known

I have resolved this problem forthwith.

As long as the end of a line
Isn't *Plymouth* I'll do just fine

So sit back and enjoy
While my skill I employ

To submit this original rhyme:

Plymouth's one of three gems in a crown, it
Has natural resources around it

Hines Drive, Wilcox Lake,
Let there be no mistake

Jewels Canton & Northville surround it.

The fountain in Kellogg Park
Is beautiful, daytime or dark

In summertime you hear
Water splash from its tiers

An elegant, lovely landmark .

Across from the fountain's the Penn
Where I go when I have a yen

For a popcorn and slush
And then into the hush

Of the stately, dark cinema's den.

Our Post Office's really the best
Its old and its quaint and its blessed

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With the architecture you'll be impressed.

To improve your vocabulary,
Come visit the library

With more room than before
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4th place — Sandra Meaughan-Marowski 'A Plymouth Parade'

Kids with dogs.. Folks 'n chairs
Gathered in front of the dime
store

At Kellogg Park, Great Grandma
Ivy

and Grandma Trudy watch..
In webbed aluminum seats.

Hip da — hip da — hip da —
Plymouth's oldest veteran
marches past.

Other soliders pass by..

In oddly fitting uniiforms. our Brownie troop #732.

Hands clap.. Salutes.. cheers
Respect, for our Michigan men—
And the American flag.

Pompom girls prance behind
waving politicians.
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In sweet youth - with faith

we move up main street

Under a straw yellow hat,
my boy squints in the sun
waving a tiny flag.

Big burly men... in plaid skirts
fat — red faces.. play the
bagpipes.

"Amazing Grace" fills our heads.

....I miss you
Tissues.. and ...tears.

And has way more then one dictionary.

The Mayflower's quiet of late,
And all the towns people we wait
For the year, for the day,
When at long last they say,
"We have finally decided its fate."

On Main Street with the shops in a row
The people they come and they go
Our streetscape's sublime
The old clock is on time
Yes, downtown looks great, don't you know?

There are special events all year 'round
In this quiet and very small town.
In winter, its ice,
It's cold, but its nice
Those spectacular carvings renown.

In summer, awaken at dawn,
Sit on chairs that use for the lawn
Sip on lemonade
As you watch the parade
Go down Main Street, it's really right on!

And don't forget Plymouth Fall Fest
We'd love to have you as our guest.
A carnival mood
And plenty of food
Especially the grilled chicken breast.

Yes, Plymouth's the City of Homes
And without turning this into a tome
No more room to waste
I will end this post haste
Saying Plymouth Is my home - sweet - home.

'Plymouth' by Jasmine Millwood

When somebody says Plymouth
I think of home.
And Im telling you why
While I write this poem

Plymouth is joy
Joy and love
Plymouth is feeling
Of beyond and above

When you go through a day
you think about
The rest of the day
without any doubt

Every day people
Have nothing to do
They don't know about Plymouth
Or about me and you

In winter the snow on the ground
is crisp, freezing and cold
In summer the trees stand tall
Still, brown and bold

If Plymouth makes you happy
Stay here and smile

You will be happy
With every mile

'A sonnet for Plymouth'

Plymouth reflects our vision still
American's landscape...vast urban sprawl
Highways without names, endless shopping malls
Our town clings to life with iron will
Evolving high-tech from factory mill
Rushing the future..changing at a crawl
Rescuing the best from the wrecker's ball
Plymouth traditions they simply cannot kill

Cities abound with a brutal crushing change
Faceless freeways forget their names, their soul
Plymouth culture grasps a visionary range
Diamond human values forged from coal
Other cities raise towers to the sky
Serene, upon a sea of green, we sigh

Rod Reinhart
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City of Plymouth

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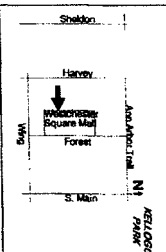


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Thanks to all for a job well done

Putting together a smart-looking, information-filled tome such as the Fall Festival edition on top of usual Crier duties can be a time consuming thing, and couldn't possibly be done without the help of many understanding people.

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This marks Lisa Lepping's final edition of The Community Crier. The business manager is moving to Georgia at the end of the month, and it is hard to imagine getting by without her. Her support during her time with The Crier was invaluable. She will be missed.



Scott Goodwin, The Crier's proud I&C Editor, relaxing at Tiger Stadium with his brother, Mike.

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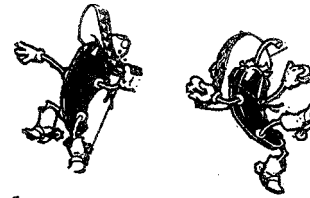
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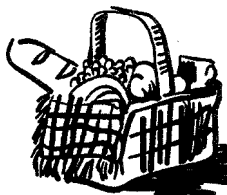
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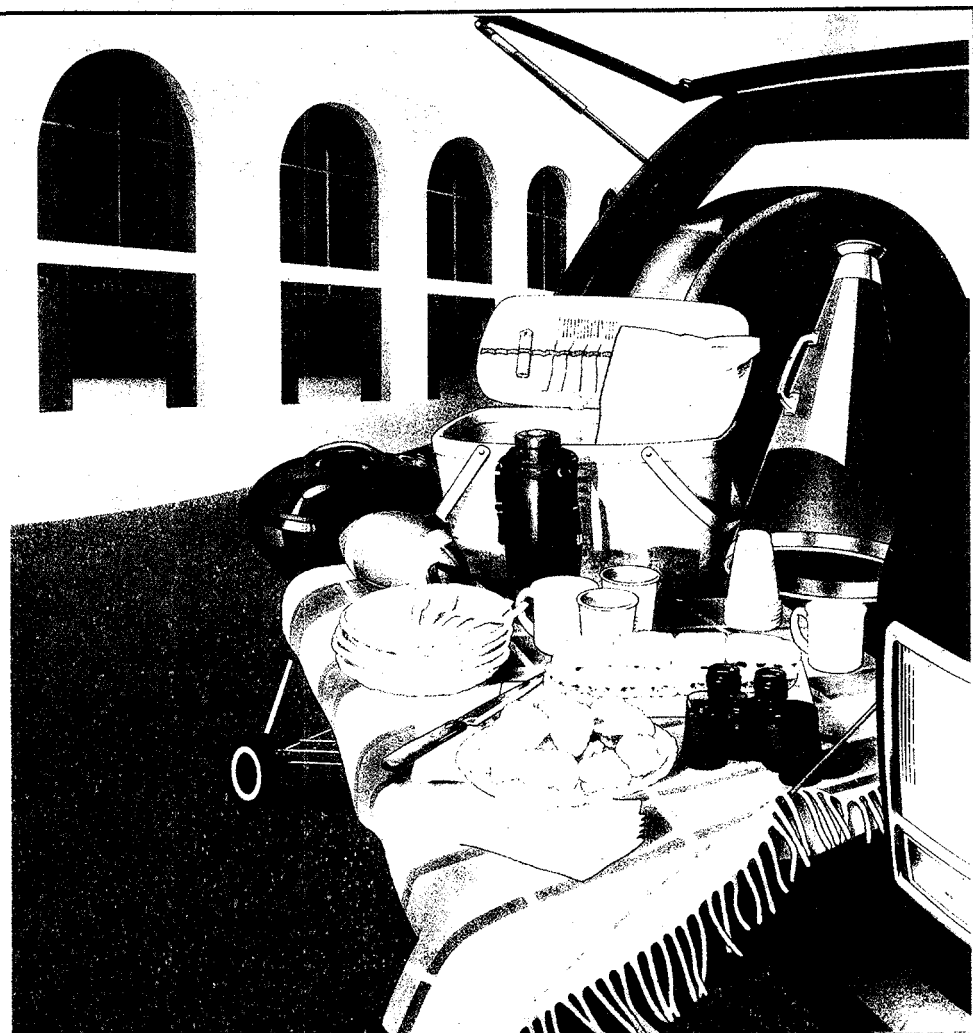
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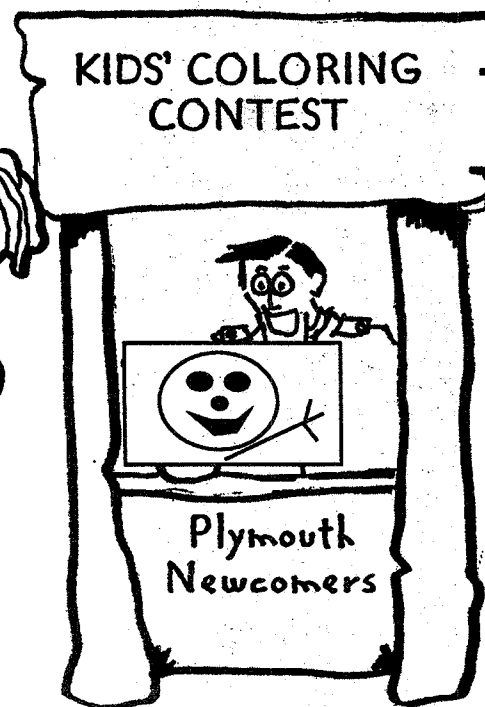
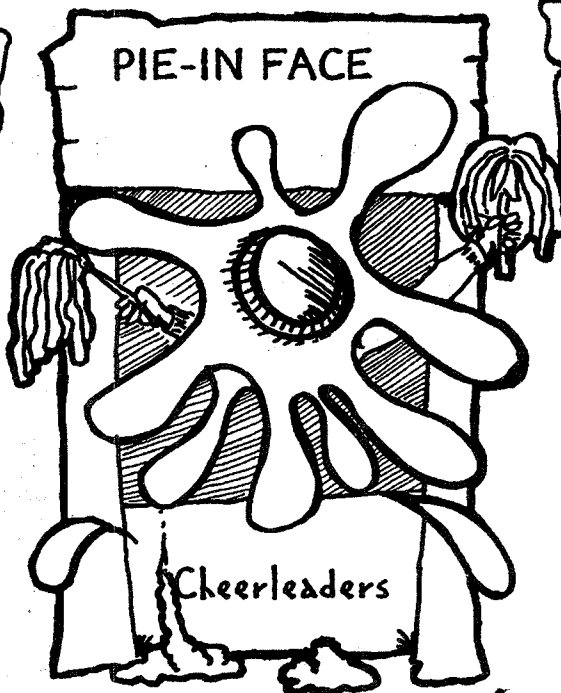
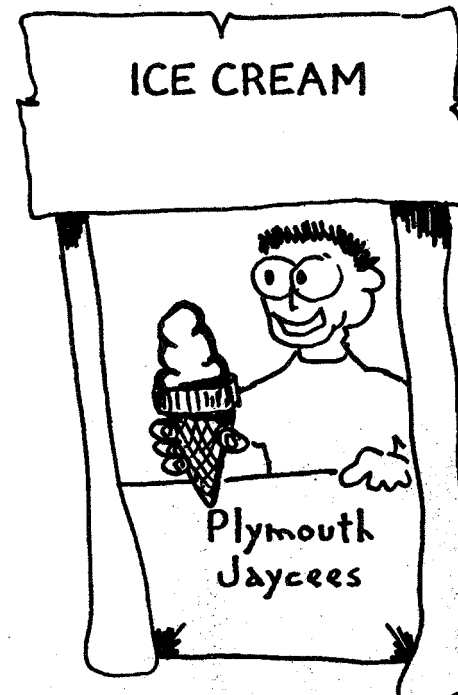
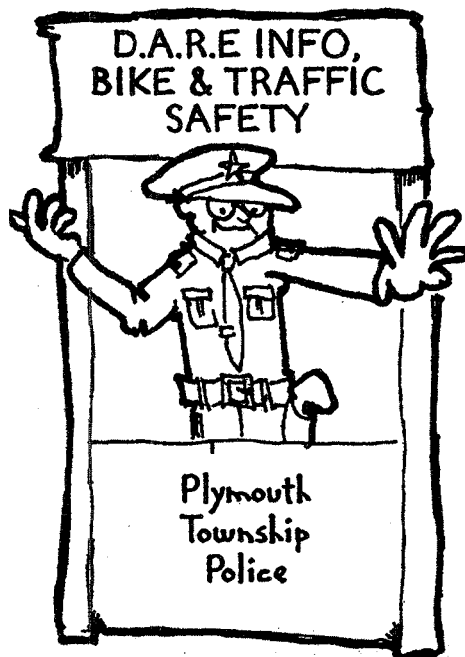


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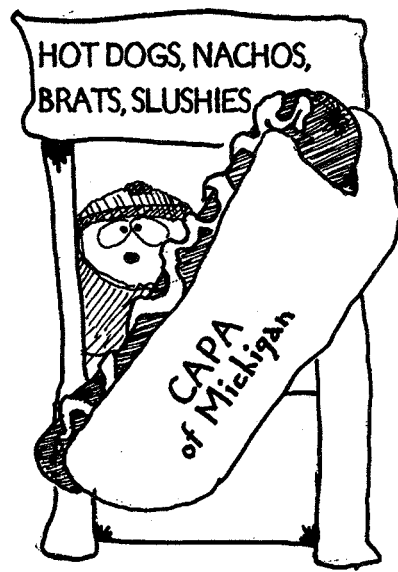
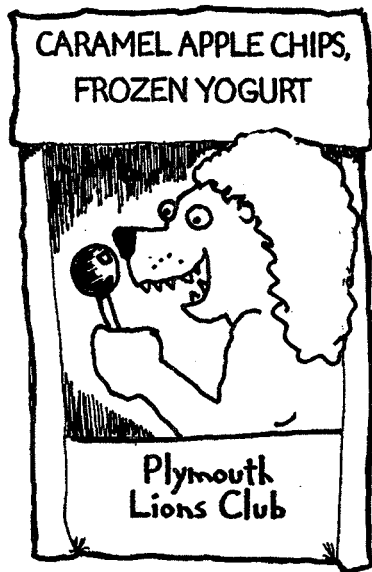
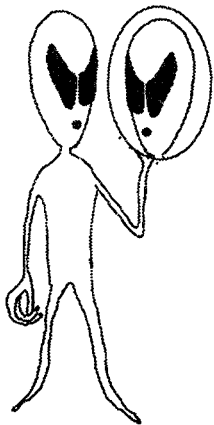
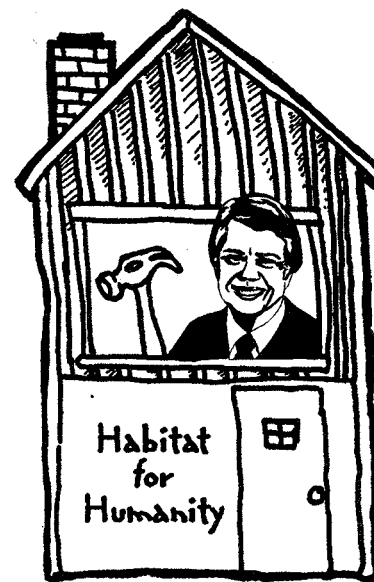
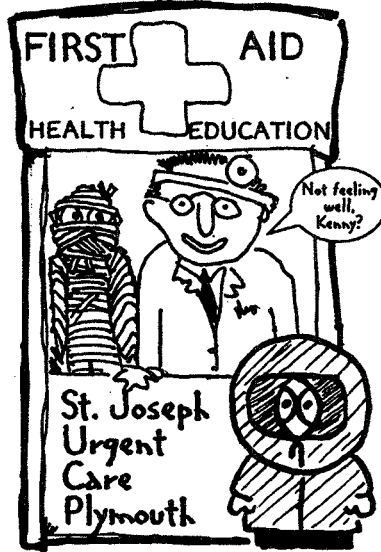


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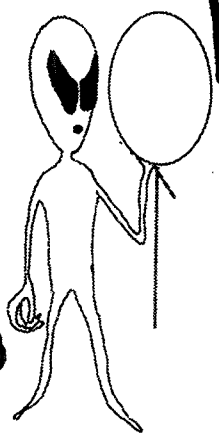
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Canton Township Senior Programs for Fall 1998

Senior Clubs

The **Pioneer Senior Clubs** meets every Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the Oak & Maple Rooms, resuming September 11.
 The **Zester Senior Club** meets every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Oak & Maple Rooms, resuming September 10.
 The **Senior Singles Club** meets the 2nd Saturday evening of the month at 7p.m. in the Parkview Room, resuming September 12.

Enrichment Programs

Newcomers Orientation is offered at 10 a.m. on the first Monday of each month (except September when Orientation is held on the 2nd Monday) to acquaint you with the Senior Program. Learn about the activities and services available, how to register for classes, trips, and programs. The next dates for Orientation are: September 14, October 5, November 2, and December 7. R.U.S.P. at 397-5444.
Video Computer Class will begin on Tuesday mornings, 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parkview Room at the Summit, September 22 and 29, and October 13 and 20.
The Canton Seniors Kitchen Band welcomes any resident 55 and over with a love of music to join - no formal music or band training required. This talented volunteer group sings and dances for fellow senior clubs, nursing homes, community clubs, and school groups throughout the metropolitan area.
Daily Luncheon for Seniors is served each day, Monday - Friday at 1:30 a.m. in the Oak Room. 24 hour reservations are necessary.
Pool Playing for men and women is available at no charge in the Parkview Room, Monday - Friday.
Checkers, Chess and Scrabble players are welcome in the Parkview Room every day, 8:30-5:00.
Contract Bridge and Open Cards (currently pinochle and euchre) every Tuesday at 1 p.m., year-round in the Parkview Room.
Duplicate Bridge every Wednesday afternoon, 1-4 p.m. in the Oak Multi-Use Room. There is a small charge to cover the cost of supplies. Evening Duplicate Bridge meets in the Parkview Room on Monday evenings, 6:30-9:30 p.m. This group is open to all ages; there is a \$2.00 charge per evening.
The Handcrafters Group knits, crochets, and embroiders personal and community projects each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Parkview Room.
The Woodcarvers Group welcomes newcomers each Monday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Parkview Room.
The Book Discussion Group meets the first Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 10:15 a.m. in the Parkview Room at the Summit, and ends the morning with lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Oak Room. (Reservations are needed by noon the day before.)

Trips

Day trips and overnight trips are offered throughout the year. Non-residents are welcomed on a space-available basis. **Registration for one-day trips takes place at the Front Desk of the Summit in the lobby.** Checks are to be made payable to "Canton Township". Cash, Visa and Master Card are accepted. The dates for registration are listed in the monthly "Silver Threads" newsletter.

Sept. 23	Stratford Festival: "A Man For All Seasons"	Oct. 10	Lord of the dance	Nov. 18	Thanksgiving Parade Tour and Hamtramck Churches
Sept. 30	Detroit Institute of Art - Angels from the Vatican	Oct. 14	Au Sable River Cruise	Nov. 30	Meadowbrook Christmas Walk and Canterbury Village
Oct. 7	Gem Theatre	Nov. 4	Hayes President Center-White House China Exhibit	Dec. 2	Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular Rockettes at the Fox

Registration for Extended Trips one-day trips-by-air are done directly with the particular travel agency. Payments are made to the agencies, who will reserve trip space by phone. Extended trips offered by Bianco Tour 313-946-7021.

Sept. 10-15	New York, Atlantic City, Philadelphia (motorcoach)	Nov. 2-10	Italy: Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, Rome, Pompeii
Sept. 23-Oct. 3	Upper New England (motorcoach)	Jan. 15-26	Treasure Island, Florida (motorcoach)
Oct. 12-14	Grand Traverse Dinner Train (motorcoach)	Mar. 20-27	Daytona Beach and Orlando (air)
Oct. 28-30	Shaw Festival and Niagara Falls (motorcoach)		

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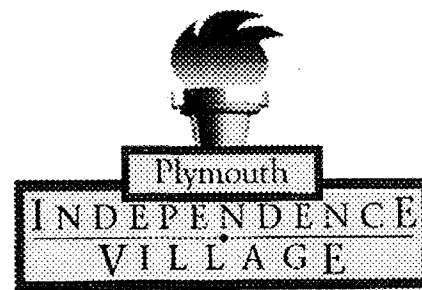
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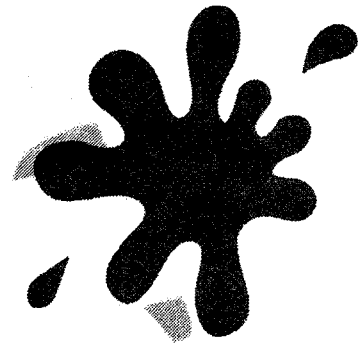
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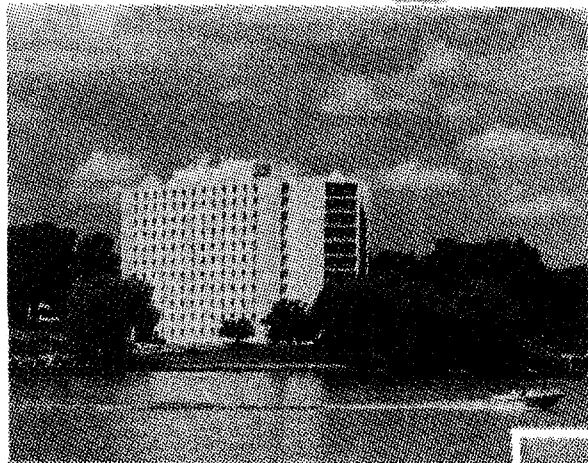
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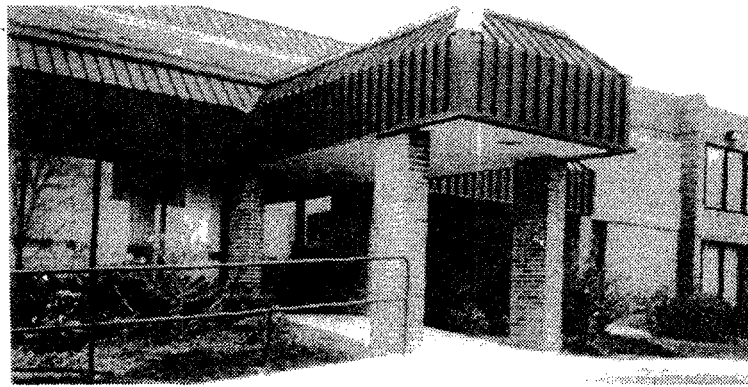
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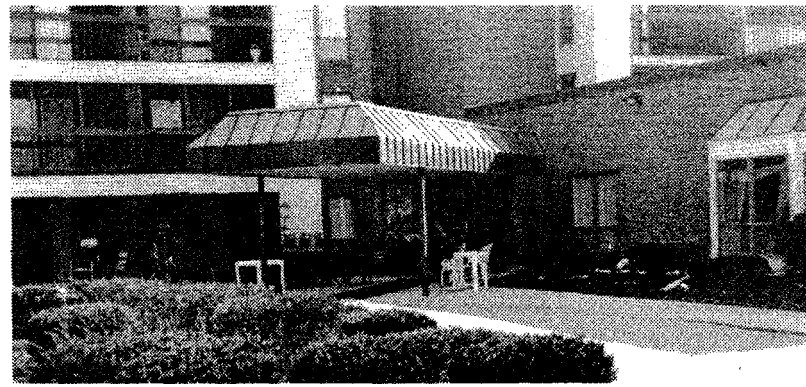
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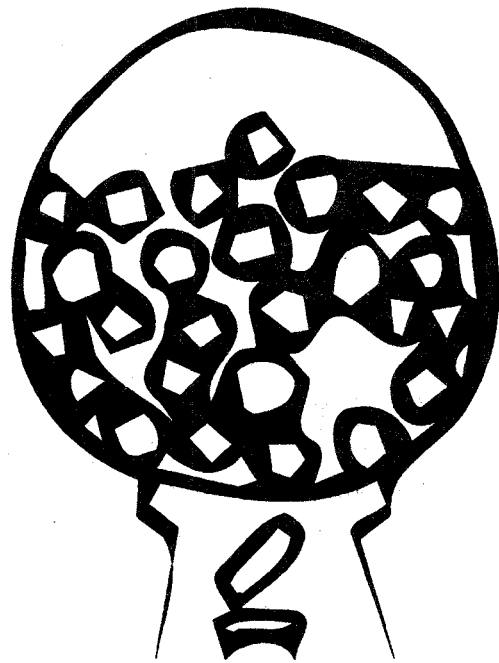


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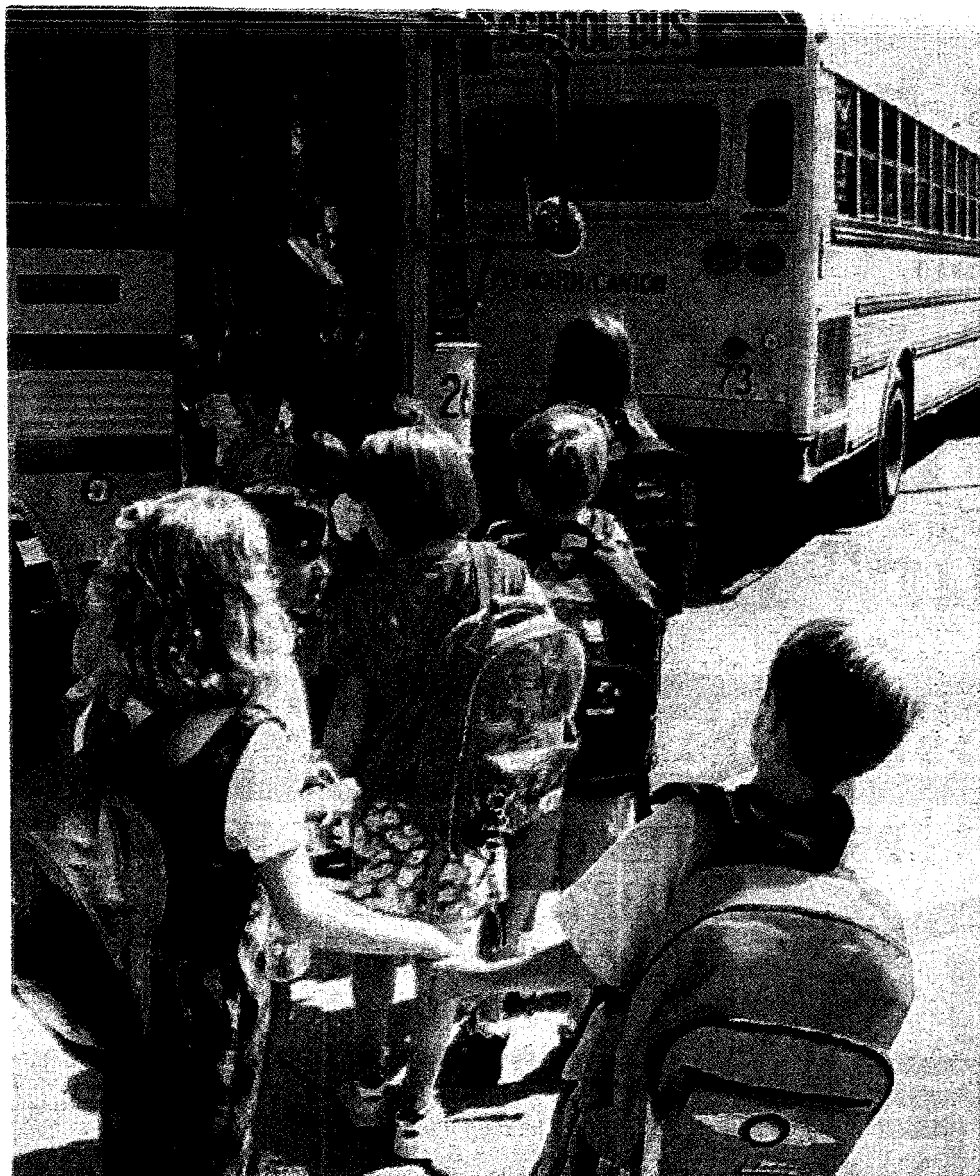
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Hold on...the ride could be bumpy for these Fiegel Elementary School students about to board one of the Plymouth-Canton schools' buses. Half of the district's buses are past retirement age, but delays in funding prevent their replacement (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Bus 'emergency'

Schools cope with more riders, fewer spares

BY BRYON MARTIN

To hear LuAnn Grech tell it, the floor is going up while the ceiling is coming down, and she's about to get pinched.

Grech is Director of Transportation for Plymouth-Canton Schools, and this year's version of her annual adjustment to school bus routes has an element of drama.

At the same time that Grech and her mechanics are forced to keep every one of their 100 aging school buses safe and on the road, the School Board offices are reporting a 400 to 600-student increase in district enrollment. That means more kids need to ride the bus while the number of available buses has dropped.

Drivers are finding more kids waiting at their stops. Buses are filling up before every stop

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Fall Fest hits City

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

If it's slightly more difficult to get around downtown this weekend, it's because the granddaddy of all of Plymouth's community events, The Fall Fest has taken roost.

For two days and three nights, the streets of downtown will be blocked off from traffic and filled with music, the scent of roasted almonds, gyros and pierogis.

In its 43rd year, the festival is a time when community groups have a gigantic fundraiser, selling food or other items to provide funds for local charities.

With a second stage and additional activities, this year's festival promises to appeal to everyone.

For the first year, a chili cookoff will be held Saturday afternoon under the gathering. Chili chefs from across Michigan will turn out for the statewide competition, to try and earn the right to represent Michigan in a national chili cookoff.

The Antique and performance auto show returns downtown on Sunday. This

year, classic cars and muscle cars will line Main Street from Penniman to Church Street, and spill onto Penniman Avenue. This year will feature a procession of Volkswagen Beetles, with the Dearborn Beetle Club displaying the popular cars from the early 1950's through the 80. A 1998 Beetle will be displayed and raffled off as well, according to organizer Walt Clark.

The festival also has some noticeable withdrawals this year. The Three Cities Art Club, a part of the festival since 1960, decided not to participate because a lack of members, according to art club member Nancy Walls Smith.

Likewise, the Trailwood Garden Club will also take a much smaller part in the festival. Traditionally sponsoring contests for the best dried flower arrangements, biggest vegetables and Garden Faces, the club is holding a perennial exchange Saturday morning from 9 a.m. noon.

Opening ceremonies take place at 6 p.m. Friday, but several booths are open for lunch at noon.

Municipal merger off say City, Twp.

Officials from both Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth have decided not to merge their municipal service departments after all.

After meeting last Wednesday, the Joint Services Committee concluded that a merger of the two departments would not be a benefit to either municipality.

Officials from both sides has been discussing the possibilities of a merger since earlier this year. After the failure of joint recreation this past month, questions surfaced among City Commissioners as to whether a municipal services merger would be advantageous for the City.

The Township's MSD is about half the size of the City's.

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Top tester

Canton Explorer takes top academics at camp

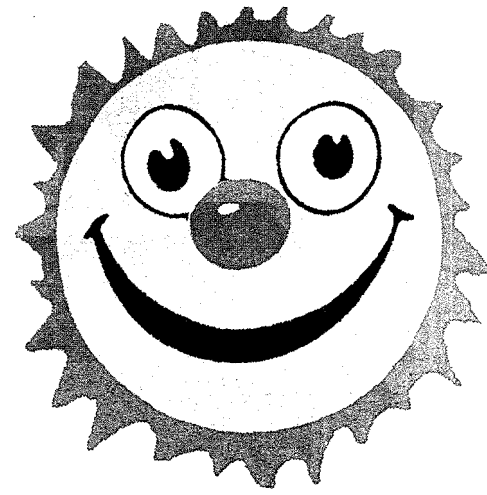
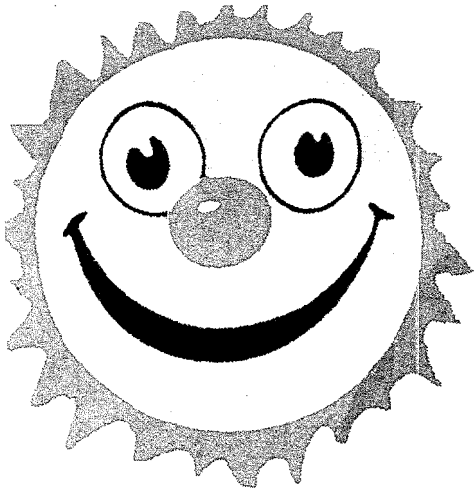
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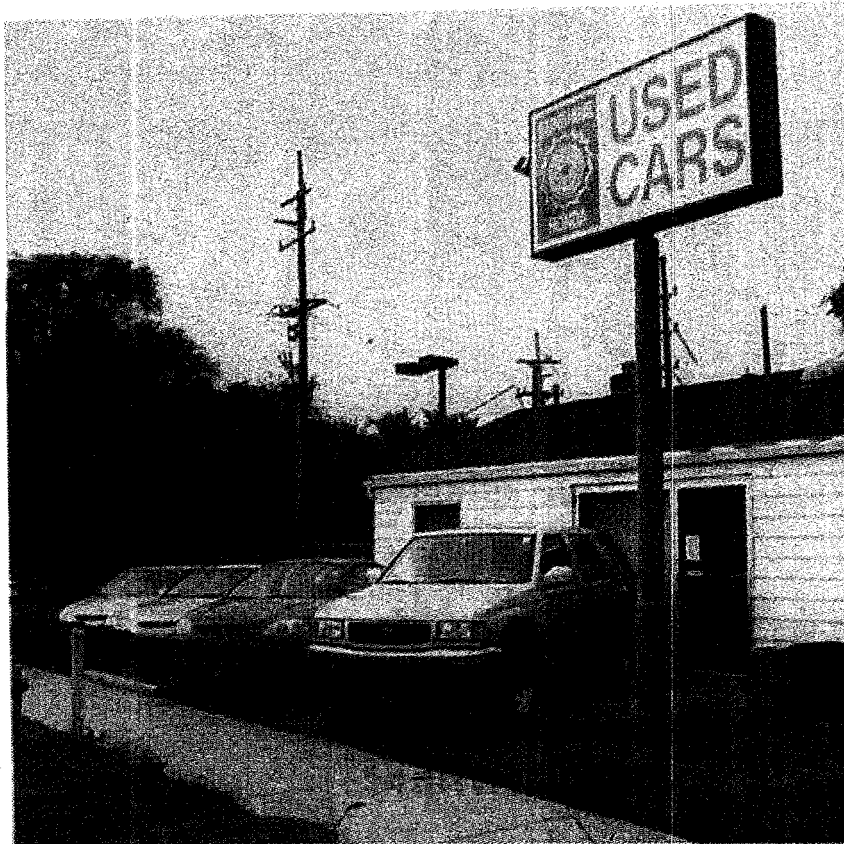
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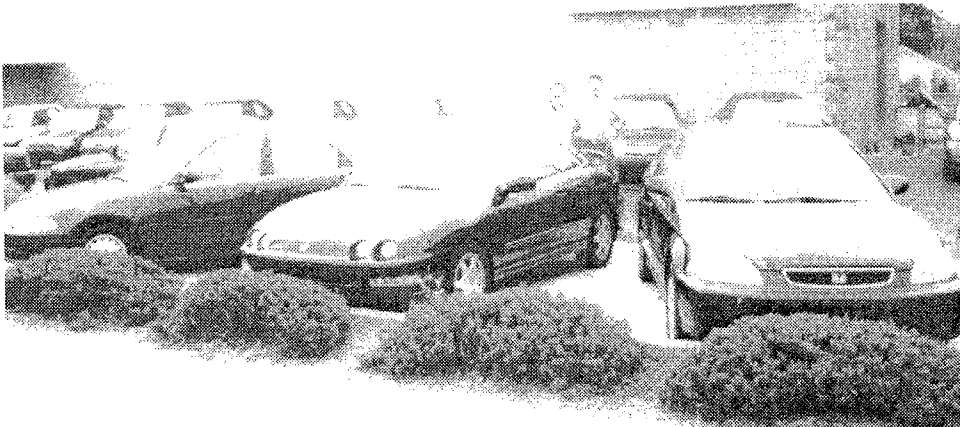
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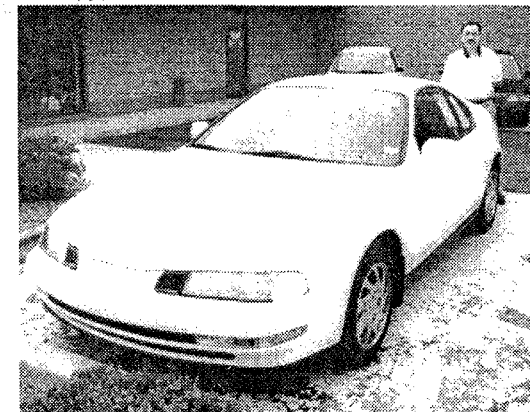
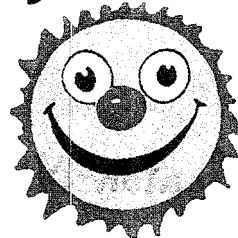
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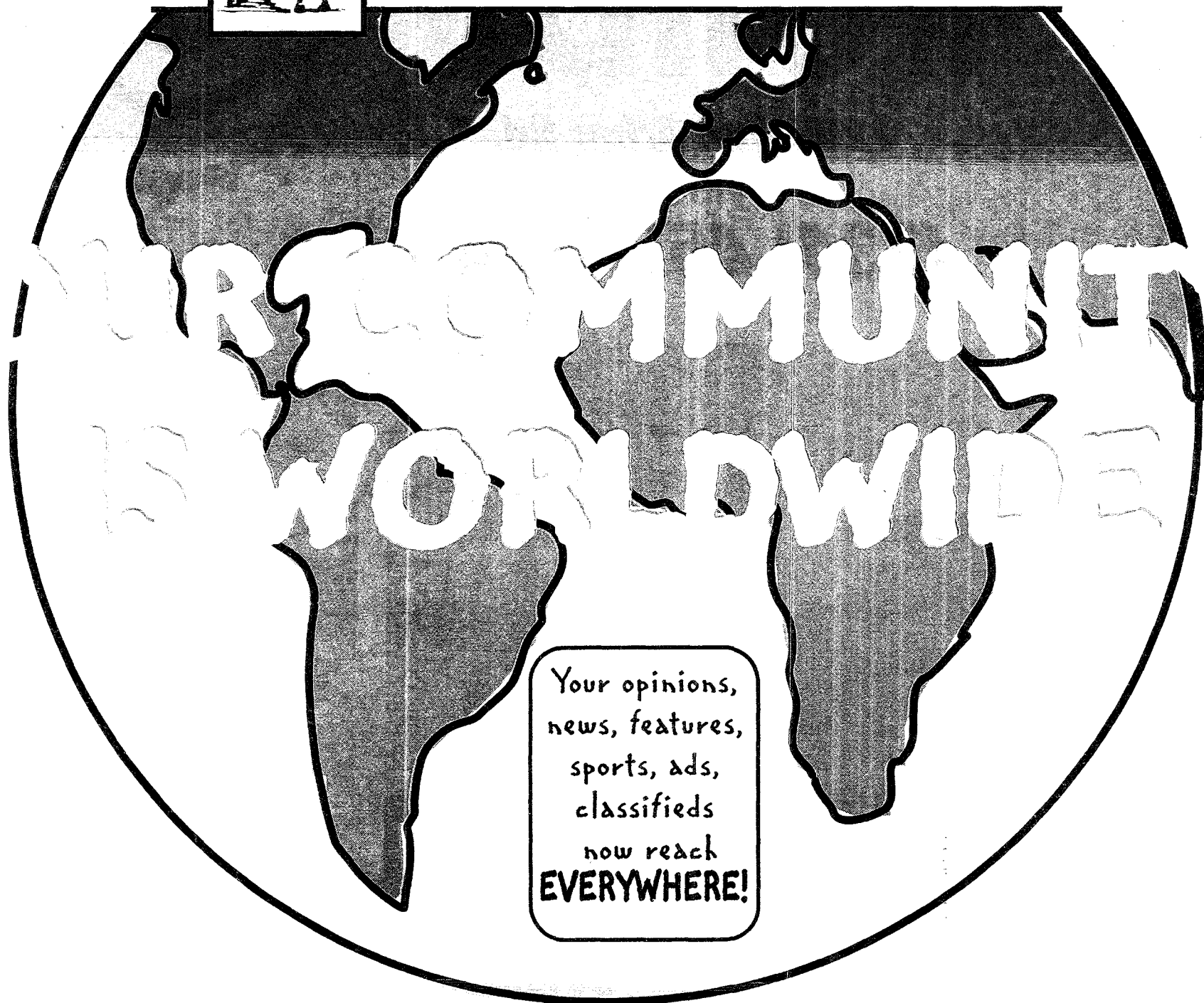
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Citizens keep Rec. fight alive

*Former Parks & Rec.
director, schools' A.D.
stir recreation debate*

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The issue of recreation in Plymouth isn't going down without a fight.

A band of citizens led by former recreation director Chuck Skene and Brian Wolcott, CEP athletic director, are intent on keeping the recreation debate alive and well in both the City and the Township.

One month after Township residents defeated a 0.5 mill recreation proposal, residents in both the City and the Township are starting to feel the pinch. The City Commission has made several cuts in their recreation program, including the dismissal of Recreation Director Tom Willette, hoping to maintain a minimal level of service for their citizens.

But many residents feel that isn't good enough. According to Skene, both the City and the Township need to reexamine how the original recreation proposal was presented to voters. It was destined for defeat, Skene said.

"We didn't do what we needed to do,"

“We didn't give citizens enough information on what they were voting for.”

— Chuck Skene

said Skene, a member of the joint City-Township subcommittee that was supposed to develop a recreation plan before the vote Aug. 4. “We didn't give the citizens of Plymouth Township enough information on what they were voting for.”

Also, Skene is upset at the way the City Commission dealt with Tom Willette's termination. “I think the way they handled Tom's dismissal was rather insensitive,” he said. “Not one commissioner said anything to him after the meeting (where he was fired). He had been a City employee for 15 years and no consideration was given about offering him another City job.”

A number of citizens, including Skene and Wolcott were expected to appear before the City Commission this past Monday, but details of that meeting were unavailable at press time.

“It's time to put away all the animosities and distrust between the City and the Township,” Skene said. “It's time to work something out.”



Jerry Vorva at the Penniman Avenue Post Office on his way to mail 1,000 requests for school absentee ballots to City residents. He says he will mail requests to Township and Canton voters, too. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Taking it into his own hands

BY BRYON MARTIN

Jerry Vorva said he offered to drop his lawsuit against the Plymouth-Canton Schools' March '97 bond election if the district voluntarily mailed absentee ballots to every voter.

The schools said no. So Vorva has spent \$7,000 of his own money to do it himself.

“They held the election on a Saturday. They did it at an odd time — they manipulated the election,” he said. “I'm un-manipulating it.”

On Friday, Vorva mailed out 1,000 forms to City residents to request absentee ballots for the schools' Oct. 3 bond election. He said he will mail out 3,500 to Plymouth Township residents and more to Canton voters. Vorva said he personally financed the copying and mailing of the schools request form.

Superintendent Charles Little said he is glad to hear it.

“We want people to vote. I'm glad he is sending out ballots,” he said. “That's fewer that we have to.”

‘We need 8 to 10 buses’

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has been reached.

“The drivers radio in and say ‘I need another unit,’” Grech said. “It's always a

MSD no-go

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The committee did however agree the two departments should continue their practice of inter-department contracting for such services as vehicle maintenance, sewer television inspection and mutual aid.

It was unclear at press time whether or not the decision would affect other joint service agreements or discussions.

Officials from both communities were expected to report their findings at their respective meetings this week.

situation we face at the beginning of the year, but this year we have fewer units to assist.”

The schools' fleet is depleted, particularly its back-up buses, she said, because the money to buy replacements is hung up with the March '97 bond now under challenge in court.

Half of the fleet is about 10 years old, one year older than the state recommends keeping a bus in service, she said.

“They're safe,” she said. “But we should be replacing buses now.”

Until she can, she said, Grech will reroute buses with lighter loads to pick up students on heavy routes. She may have to tap some of the five buses she has as back up — usually used for field trips and sports teams — and put them on the road for regular school routes.

“We need eight to ten buses immediately.”

And now, the mail: Canton P.O. opens

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It's been a long, long road, but the Canton Post office is open for business.

“It's about time,” said State Senator Loren Bennett. “We as a community have fought for so long and been told no for so long I'm very excited that it's finally happening.”

The Post office, which began construction early this year opened for retail operations only yesterday at 8 a.m.

“Customers will only be able to buy stamps, pick up packages and certified and registered mail,” said Westland Postmaster Gladys Jolla. “All the things they're currently able to do in our Westland facility.”

Jolla said the only noticeable difference for Canton residents will be the shorter drive for services. The office will eventually begin delivering mail from the Cherry Hill-Canton Center Road site, but that phase of the operations is a ways off yet.

“That part of the building isn't complete yet,” Jolla said. “We have a number of things we have to take care of first.”

The post office will serve both Canton zip codes, and provide a place to drop off bulk mail, Jolla said. Bulk mail will still be processed at the Westland facility on Wayne Road between Ford and Warren roads.

“We have all the facilities at that location,” Jolla said. “Customers will be able to drop off their bulk mail at the Canton site and we'll pick it up there.”

Officials have been trying to a post office to Canton for more than 10 years, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. The campaign began around 1984 with former supervisor Jim Poole's letter writing campaign.

Poole was joined by a number of officials, and soon the list of politicians trying to bring the post office to Canton read like a Who's Who among local lawmakers. U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers and U.S. Senator Spence Abraham along with Bennett contributed their voices, as well as local officials such as Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, Clerk Terry Bennett and Trustee Bob Shefferly.

“The physical result is satisfactory,” Yack said. “It's not the most beautiful building in town, but it's a good addition to our community.”

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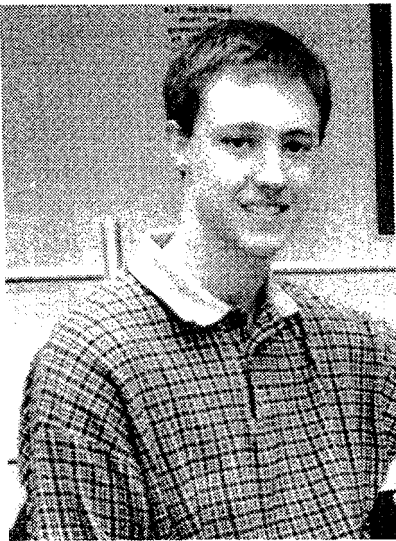
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Neighbors in the news



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Air Force Tech. Sgt. **Wendy L.M. Cain**, daughter of **Nancy L. Shope** of Plymouth, has received an associate degree in applied science from the Community College of the Air Force.

LaJuanda Carter has been awarded the James and Claire Irwin Veterinary Technology Scholarship at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Norman Melroy Haygood** of Canton and a 1992 graduate of Salem High School.

Ryan Bayer, MaryBeth Kocsis, Janell Leschinger, and Angela Litwin of Plymouth were awarded scholarships at Madonna University.

Anjan Chakrabarti, Erin Lang, Prabhat Kumar Bhama and Susan Fanning of Canton; and **Patrick Belvitch, James Boomis, Zachary Bornemeier, Matthew Bright, Robert Lentz, Gary Levenbach, Jeremy Martin, John Murray, Nkechiye Okwumabua, Ankali Shah, and Patrick Van Hull** of Plymouth; and **Keith Droz, Charles Fan, Ann Figurski, Brian Mount, Jonathan Rhee, Sarah Townsend, Stephen Traicoff, Sarah Yageman** of Northville were awarded Regents-Alumni Scholars merit awards from the University of Michigan.

Testing at the top

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It was a rough week, but in the end it was worth it.

Matt Compton, along with five other Canton Police explorers, recently finished a week-long explorer boot camp in Camp Grayling.

At the camp police explorers from across the state competed in various police-related scenarios, such as hostage situations, accident investigations and traffic stops. At the end of the week when the tests scores were all tabulated, Compton's academic scores topped all the rest.

"It was brutal but fun," he said. "You were busy the whole time."

Days began at 6 a.m. and lights out was at 10 p.m. Compton said. The day was filled with various mock scenarios that explorers might encounter if they were to continue on into police work. They had to think their way through accident investigations, diffuse hostage situations and perform routine traffic stops.

At the end of the week, the explorer troop with the highest score wins the Governors Cup and advances on to national competition, according to Canton Police Ofc. Mike Steckel.

"This was our first year at the camp so we weren't eligible, but we'll be pretty competitive next year," he said.

Police Explorers are made up of 14-21-year olds who show an interest law enforcement careers, Steckel said. They work with the department by directing traffic, helping in the records department, at community events or with other tasks, Steckel said.

A senior at Canton High School, Compton said he joined the explorers last year. He also works in the police records



Explorer Matt Compton is one of six Canton Police Explorers who completed a week-long training camp at Camp Grayling. Compton achieved the highest academic ranking at the camp. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

department.

"I think it's a great educational experience," he said. "I think it'll help me later in life."

Compton said he joined the explorers because he has an interest in pursuing corporate law.

"I figured it'd be a great way to get my foot in the door and get to know the legal system," he said.

The explorers have taught him honesty, integrity and teamwork, three things that served him and the other explorers well at Camp Grayling. He said he's also learned a thing or two about confidence.

"There are things that everyone strug-

gles with," he said. "You learn to put them aside and take care of the task at hand."

Other explorers who passed the courses at the explorer camp are: Patrick O'Connor, Paul Tennes, Jerry Darow, Kevin Dunn and Karl Brandenburg.

Steckel said the department is always looking for new explorers, and the program has really taken off in the last two years. Applications are available at Canton Public Safety or by contacting Steckel at 397-6451.

There are minimum requirements, however. Students need a 2.5 or better grade point average, and have no history of trouble at school, and no police record.



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LUDWICK STANLEY JANOWSKI

Ludwick Stanley Janowski, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 30, 1998 at the age of 87. Mr. Janowski was born Sunday, August 20, 1911 in New York, NY. He was a carpenter. He is survived by his wife, Mary Anna Janowski of Plymouth; sons, Eugene (Virginia) Janowski of Livonia, Ludwick S. Janowski Jr., of Canton; John (Sophie) Janowski of Plymouth; and daughters, Christine (Walt) Timoshuk of Anaheim, CA, Lucy (David) Greer. Services were held at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Janusz Iwan officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made.

JOYCE ANN HALL

Joyce Ann Hall, a Plymouth resident, died June 11, 1998 at the age of 71. Mrs. Hall was born Oct. 25, 1926 in Flint. She is survived by her sons, John (Betsy) Hall, Jr, Joel Hall, Robert Hall, Anthony (Connie) Hall; daughters, Kathy (Mark) Miller, Pam Hall; eight grandchildren; and brother, Joseph Eedy. Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorial contributions can be given to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

HOMER H. HENSLEY

Homer H. Hensley, a Stuart, FL resident, died Aug. 28, 1998 at the age of 88. Mr. Hensley was born Sept. 24, 1909 in Melissa, WV. He owned and operated Hanco Automatic Products in Detroit for more than 25 years. He came to the Northville-Plymouth community in 1976. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. He loved to play golf, read and do crossword puzzles. He played in many pro-am golf tournaments.

He is survived by his daughter, Judith Anderman of Harper Woods; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brothers, Thomas Hensley, Raymond Hensley, Eric (Happy) Hensley. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary.

A memorial service was held at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. William B. Lupfer officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

HENRY H. HOLCOMB

Henry H. Holcomb, a Woodstock, GA resident, died Aug. 31, 1998 at the age of 92. Mr. Holcomb was born May 5, 1906 in Michigan. He retired after 50 years of service in the Parks and Recreation Department of the Wayne County Road Commission. He was a supervisor. He was a member of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church of Livonia and the Michigan Forestry Association. He served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for the City of Livonia. He loved flowers, trees, and shrubs. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, gardener and he loved to travel.

He is survived by his granddaughter, Christy (David) Ahnmark of Columbus, OH; grandsons, Bruce Bachtel, Robert Bachtel; father-in-law, Jack Bachtel; and sister, Winifred Beach of Mesa, AZ. He is preceded in death by his wife, Doris M; daughter, Sally Ann Bachtel; and brother, Lloyd Holcomb.

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Call the Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 for more information.

Registration for the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball League will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at East Middle School in Plymouth Township.

All students in the Plymouth Canton School District and all of Canton Township are eligible. Tryouts will be conducted before team organization for the purpose of equalizing teams. Registration fees go as follows: third and fourth grade, \$80; fifth and sixth grade, \$85; seventh and eighth grade, \$90. Grades 9-12 will register at a later date.

Marian suffocates Chiefs

Pressure kills Canton in 16-point defeat

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

That old David Bowie-Queen duet was probably ringing through Coach Bob Blohm's head all night: "Pressure."

His Canton girls basketball team was suffocated Thursday night as visiting Marian cruised to 58-42 victory.

After falling behind early, thanks mostly to Marian's tenacious defense, Canton struggled all game to get an easy score.

"I give our kids credit because they fighting and coming back," Blohm said. "It was a good learning experience for us. You can't duplicate that kind of defense in



Sophomore Christina Kiessel at the freethrow line Thursday night at Canton High School, one of the rare opportunities of the evening for the Chiefs to shoot the ball without a Marian defender in their face. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

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Dear
Martha,
et. al.



By Geneva Guenther

Things are really piling up in this time before Fall Festival. Lots of news. Hope I have time to tell you.

Hickory, dickory, dock.

A little mouse gave the

Symphony office a shock. (No they didn't catch him. I don't think the staff stayed long enough to participate.)

We can now "Let the games begin." Allen O'Dells sister and brother-in-law arrived from the East. Sally, are you really Allen's "older" sister, as he says?

Marge (nee Thomas) and her husband Bert dropped in the office. Marge was born here, went to school and was married here. Just came back from Sweden, Bert's background, where 289 of his relatives had a family gathering. So glad to see them in Plymouth. They have a home in Florida and are looking in Michigan for a holiday home. Wish they'd try Plymouth.

Liz Hartwick is settled happily in Greenville near her daughter. (Come on Liz, let me help you with those stocking caps. One thing I do pretty well is knit.

Curiosities

Dear Martha Et. Al. Cont.

Geneva)

Sorry to write this in such a hurry but we are having a short week.

Just saw a large bird flying over the Penniman Deli. Isn't that exciting? Do you think it could be a "stork"?

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Fall Fest is here - that means I'm gone - I'll miss each & every one of you! Thanks for all the love & friendship

Lizard Man - what will I do without your encouragement?

Liam - I'll sure miss your hugs & kisses

Sissy & Rick - So glad you'll be my first visitors to show off my new town to.

Anybody that wants to get out of the snow - please visit!!

Prayer to St. Clare. Recite the Hail Mary every day for 9 days and make three wishes and publish the prayer and they will be answered. B.D.

Curiosities

I sure didn't see any BUILDING PERMIT on that new building that went up on Fleet Street. Oh, I forgot, the CITY doesn't have to follow the rules like the rest of us.

Fall Feast

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After their August 29 defeat, should MSU consider dropping their football program and putting the money towards livestock studies? --Bidwell

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Salem Golf ready for match-up with Canton

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Let's see: one team record, one tie of an individual school record that stood for 24 years and a couple of top five finishes in tournaments against the state's top teams, that's a pretty good start to the season for the Salem Boys Golf team.

Now they are eyeing the beginning of the W. L. A. A. Conference season. Their first match-up: Canton, defending conference champions.

"I expect them to be good," said Salem Coach Rick Wilson. "It's always a big match-up for us because of who it is."

It's also a chance for Salem to reassert their golfing might. Before Canton stole the conference championship last year, Salem had been king of the links three years running. Now their looking for a return to the crown.

But according to Wilson, this year's hurdle may be the toughest to climb. "I've been coaching for 16 years and this may be the most competitive the conference has ever been," he said.

Last season was a "weird one" Wilson

said. "We won every game away and lost every game at home," he said.

This year's group, however, isn't expecting any such mixed results.

Currently Salem is ranked sixth in the state, but "You can't let that get to your head," said Wilson.

So far, Salem has competed very well in three tournaments the past few weeks.

At the East Lansing Invite, the Salem linkers took sixth place overall out of 32 teams, but in doing so broke the school 18-hole record twice. Playing 36 holes, shot a 303 on the East Course at Forest Akers Golf Club, breaking the record of 306 set a few years back. Then they turned around and shot a 298 on the West Course to break the record again.

Contributing to the record score was another record by co-captain Adam Wilson. Wilson shot a 70, tying him with the 24-year-old record set by current PGA professional Jeff Roth.

Salem followed their East Lansing tourney with a pair of top five finishes at the Brighton and Pinckney invitationals.



Canton Coach Bob Blohm lectures his players on how to handle the tough Marian pressure Thursday night. "We talked a lot about the mental aspects at halftime," Blohm said. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

A good lesson for Chiefs

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practice."

Janine Guastella led the way for the Chiefs (1-2 overall) with 14 points. Paula McKernan and Janell Twietmeyer each added 8.

The 16-point loss was nearly a duplication of the Chiefs' effort last year versus Marian.

"It's not fun to lose by 25," said Blohm. "Marian is a good team. You can

only get better by playing teams like this."

Blohm said he expected his young team to learn these sorts of lessons this year. No he hopes they can build on it.

"I though we competed well," he said. "we just didn't execute."

But, Blohm added, there's reason to be optimistic. "They're a good group to work with because they come to fight," he said. "They'll learn as the season pro-

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SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday at home for the Conference Relays, 5 p.m.

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Thursday at Northville versus Stevenson, Franklin and Northville, 4 p.m. Saturday at Kensington for the West Bloomfield Invite, 9 a.m.

SALEM FOOTBALL

Friday home versus Churchill, 7:30 p.m.

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Today at home versus Farmington, 7 p.m. Monday at Churchill, 7 p.m.

SALEM BOYS GOLF

Today at home versus Canton, 3 p.m. Friday at Walled Lake Central, 3 p.m. Monday at the Adrian Invite, 10 a.m.

SALEM BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday at Kensington for the West Bloomfield Invite, time: TBA.

CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday at Mercy, 5:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS TENNIS

Today at Churchill, 4 p.m. Thursday at Salem, 4 p.m. Saturday at the Ypsilanti Invite, time: TBA. Monday at home versus Walled Lake Western, 4 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday at Salem for the Conference Relays, 5 p.m. Tuesday at home versus Farmington, 7 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday at Walled Lake Central versus North Farmington, Walled Lake Central, and Churchill, 4 p.m.

CANTON FOOTBALL

Friday at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

CANTON BOYS SOCCER

Today at Northville, 7 p.m. Saturday at Warren DeLaSalle, 1 p.m. Monday at home versus North Farmington, 7 p.m.

CANTON BOYS GOLF

Today at Salem, 3 pm. Friday at home versus Walled Lake Western, 3 p.m. Monday at Walled Lake Central, 3 p.m.

CANTON BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday at Walled Lake Central for a meet against North Farmington, Walled Lake Central and Churchill, 4 p.m.



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Community opinions

The Wilcox project:

'Another perspective on Jack'

EDITOR:

Are the fine citizens of Plymouth being hoodwinked into thinking that a major development on the Wilcox property is just around the corner? And furthermore, that Jack Wilcox is some kind of local hero for offering his house to the City; to the people of Plymouth?

I certainly hope that a major development is in the works. As an owner of a nearby property I would likely have more to gain than most. And indeed, Plymouth needs some major, quality developments.

From my perspective, however, I see an elderly gentleman who has no real interest in any kind of development, but enjoys the attention and notoriety that dangling the carrot brings to his doorstep. Many citizens

are aware of the long list of developers who have walked away from various proposed projects for the Wilcox property because they were somehow unable to finalize a deal with Jack. All kinds of excuses were given, including Jack's very high standards.

If anyone would like another perspective on Jack Wilcox's interest in the betterment of Plymouth and his standards may I call your attention to the dilapidated old building that he refused to tear down and remove until he was forced to do so by court order. May I also call to attention the other Wilcox house at 253 S. Union Street. What a disgusting building, certainly nothing Jack would want anyone to even know he owns.

As his next door neighbor, I would be delighted if he

would just have someone mow the grass occasionally. No offense to the tenants of this property, but your landlord should not be up for the citizen of the year award.

I am confident that, in the not too distant future, we will see significant projects and investment at the Wilcox and Mayflower sites.

When we do, it is highly unlikely that either Mr. Wilcox or Mr. Karmo will be responsible. It will probably be in spite of them and because the highly positive economics of the respective situations cannot be denied for too long.

As citizens, taxpayers and investors, all I ask is that we put our support where it belongs, is deserved and is earned by both actions and deeds.

CRAIG FLEMING

Seniors don't need the help

Former School Board president says Vorva's ministrations are misplaced on senior voters

EDITOR:

In an Aug. 27 edition of a community newspaper a story appeared regarding Jerry Vorva's views on senior citizens, school elections and absentee ballots. While most of his statements appeared to be more inferences and innuendos than clear facts, I feel they must be challenged and some contradicting ideas presented.

I do not profess to know exactly what Vorva thinks about these issues, but as a senior citizen I feel that he has failed to give the senior members of this community the credit that we deserve.

- Seniors citizens are knowledgeable about the need to replace Lowell Middle School when our lease expires during the summer of 2000. A replacement middle school of our own is needed for 750 students.

- Senior citizens know how to obtain an absentee ballot if one is needed. The Board

of Education Office willingly supplies an absentee ballot to any registered eligible voter who requests one.

- Senior citizens are quite competent to understand important issues in our community and are able to vote accordingly.

from school are first among their concerns. Seniors love children and have a sincere desire to help them when we understand the need and the proposed solution.

As former long-term members of the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education, Esther Hulsing and I are working alongside other senior citizens on the Citizen Election Committee.

We will be available from now until the Saturday, Oct. 3 election to meet with individuals or senior groups to discuss the critical need for a replacement middle school in the Plymouth-Canton Community.

We urge our fellow senior citizens and all members of the Plymouth-Canton Community to vote 'yes' Saturday, Oct. 3.

E.J. MCCLENDON

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- Senior citizens know that the value of our homes and the quality of life within our community are directly related to the quality of our public schools.

Lastly, on the matter of senior citizens' love for and concern for the children of our community, Vorva is badly misinformed.

Many of my fellow seniors who have grandchildren and great-grandchildren in our schools say that quality public education and safe transportation to and

Scooter's first Fest memory: his loser cat

Bear with me as I try to remember my first Fall Festival memory.

It was 13 or 14, very shy, and I had this cat.

To my early teenaged mind, this was not an average cat, although I'm sure there are several people who would disagree with me. Her name was Freckles (I didn't name her), and she was a short-haired calico.

Freckles was a show cat. She made quite a name for herself with the Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers, winning trophy after trophy in the Best Household Pet category. She was in fact, so prosperous, that selling her trophies totally supported my candy and comic book habit.

But this was a different type of contest. This was the Optimist Pet Show.

I didn't want to dress the cat up — she possessed a confident source of dignity and a rather sharp set of claws. I suspected interfering with one would certainly bring out the other.

I wasn't sure if she would win in the Pet with the Longest Tail category, especially since one of her competitors was a three-foot boa — and who could tell where the body stopped and the tail started?

That narrowed down the field considerably. I ended up choosing the most colorful pet, because she was primarily white, with matching orange and black spots.

Off the cuff
By Scott Spielman



She didn't win, but that's not the point. It took the Fall Festival to bring a shy boy out into the community and up on stage. Fall Festival always reminds me of that, as well as the cat.

I guess it just brings out the kid in me.



Community opinions



As bulldozers tear down three buildings at Plymouth Square Apartments to make way for a new Kroger grocery store, community officials should take heed: this may be the future of development in Plymouth-Canton-Northville. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin.)

A lesson in development

You've heard the complaints before. "Just what we need, another drugstore." "Don't they have one of those like a block away?"

Growing-pang grumbles. The stitches are stretching and residents, especially long-time residents, are taking notice.

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community remains one of the fastest growing in Michigan. While housing developments continue to push the western boundary of civilization further toward Ann Arbor, commercial enterprises remain the defining element of expansion.

Think about what we've seen in the last two years alone:

Developments in the Plymouths were relatively small, but continue to alter the landscape. Most noticeably of late is the announcement that Daly's Restaurant, a staple at the Main Street entrance into Plymouth, is being replaced by a Rite Aid Drugstore.

Grumble, grumble, the pangs get louder.

In Northville, the flurry of development along Haggerty Road has brought traffic there to a near halt during peak hours.

The pangs they scream.

In Canton, they have a saying: If you don't like the way it looks now, wait a minute.

Of course complaining about development is about as futile as complaining about the weather. Like it or not, the boom is here to stay.

New houses will be built, new stores will open and within ten years, the landscape holes you see now will likely be filled with more brick and mortar.

Nonetheless, some recent community-conscious developments may help quiet some of those residential grumbles. Some businesses, perhaps with the intent of attracting new customers, have taken steps to gently fuse themselves in with their surroundings.

Take the new Kroger being built at Sheldon and Ann Arbor roads. Rather than close their current store, Kroger is rebuilding on the same site, renovating a dying commercial corner. Sure they had to knock out three apartment buildings to do it, but at least they didn't force their way in.

According to a letter sent to residents at Plymouth Square Apartments, which abuts the Kroger development, "the appearance of our community will actually be enhanced by the new landscaping and quality exterior materials used on the Kroger Store."

Sounds like a sales pitch, but it may be true, and the first step in the right direction for Plymouth-Canton-Northville development.

If you're going to build, build right.

A new Office Max is being erected in Canton at the corner of Morton Taylor and Ford roads.

Grumble, grumble. Just we need:

Write
of way
By Scott Goodwin



But instead of turning the nine wooded acres into a blacktop wasteland, Office Max has decided to build on only three acres, conserving the remaining six in its natural state, and guaranteeing it won't be developed for years to come.

A PR move? Maybe. More likely they were forced to conserve some of the land because of federal statutes on wetlands. Nonetheless, any effort to preserve the community and make as little gaudy impact as possible should be applauded.

Community development can be a tricky thing. Too many standards and you scare away business. Open the door too wide and you let in all the flies.

Interest for development is still very high in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. City and township officials should wield that sword while they can. As the spaces are filled, the chances to creatively mold our community into something unique are dwindling. The opportunities are now and they must be seized.

Take Kroger and Office Max as examples and build on that.

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During the Fall Festival's 43 years, there've been many changes.

There've been additions and there've been deletions. There have even been deletions that were added back in. The Antique and Performance Car Show has proven a crowd-pleaser since its return after years of absence and is now a growing part at The Fest.

But one change has been specifically noticeable as The Plymouth-Canton Community changed through more than four decades — there's less agricultural influence on the harvest-time fest.

At one time, the Plymouth Grange — a national farm group — was a mainstay meal at The Fest. The Grange's Fest pie was known from Ontario to Indiana.

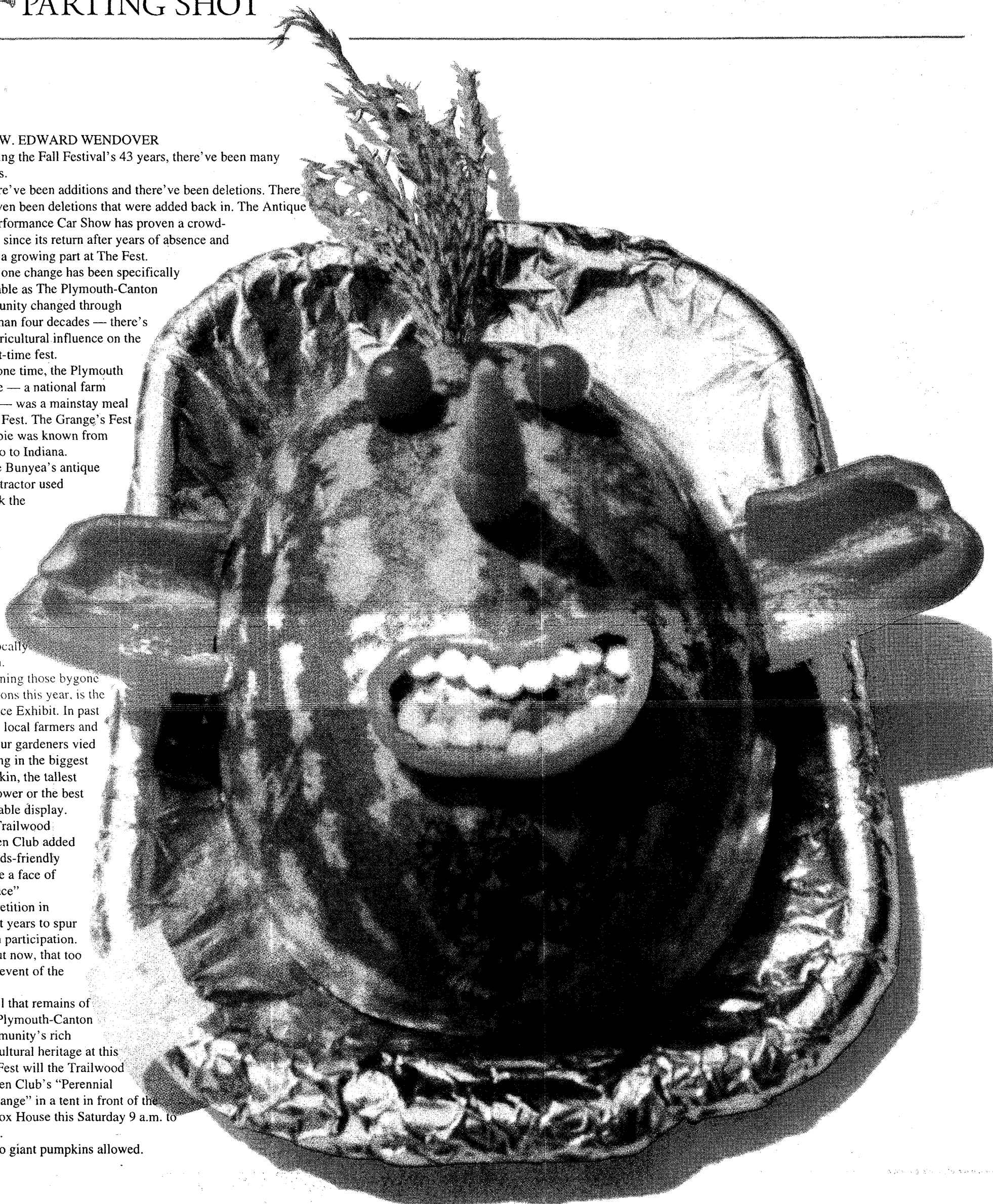
The Bunyea's antique steam tractor used to cook the Rota chicken dinner, corn and that corn itself was locally grown.

Joining those bygone traditions this year, is the Produce Exhibit. In past years, local farmers and amateur gardeners vied to bring in the biggest pumpkin, the tallest sunflower or the best vegetable display. The Trailwood Garden Club added the kids-friendly "make a face of produce" competition in recent years to spur youth participation.

But now, that too is an event of the past.

All that remains of The Plymouth-Canton Community's rich agricultural heritage at this Fall Fest will be the Trailwood Garden Club's "Perennial Exchange" in a tent in front of the Wilcox House this Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

No giant pumpkins allowed.

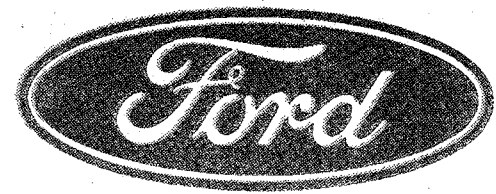


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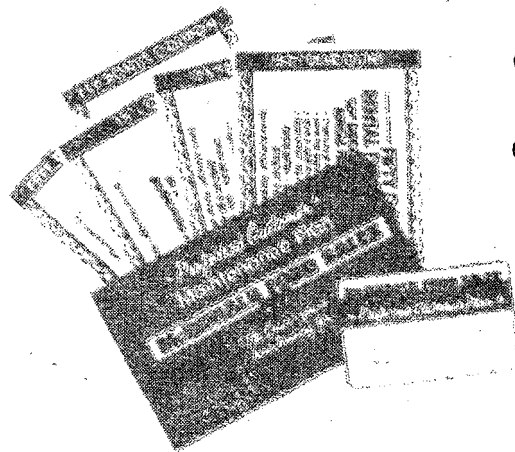
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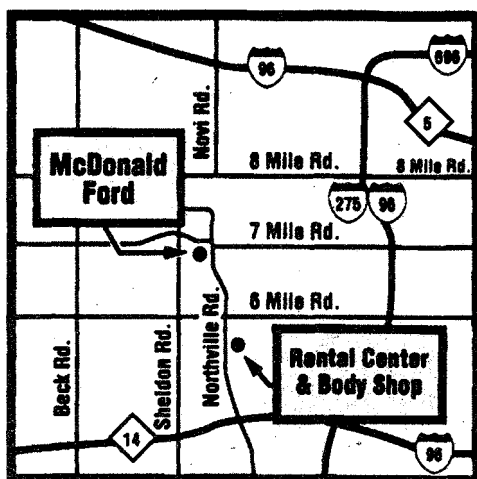
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