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Participants from last year's fest in their Victorian best. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

N'ville celebrates Victorian style

10th-annual festival bigger than ever

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

You don't need to set your clocks back officially until October 25, when daylight-saving time ends. But this weekend in Northville, the clocks are rolling way back, about 180 years to the carriage and buggy days of the 1800s.

Starting Friday, Northville will host its

10th annual Victorian Festival. A collection of period costumes, old-fashioned games, art and antique shows, the festival is expected to draw some 15,000 people according to Laurie Marrs, Northville Chamber of Commerce director.

"Northville really came of age in the Victorian era," Marrs said. "It has retained much of that heritage in its architecture."

More than 1,000 participates, each in their best Victorian get-up, will initiate the

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Vorva aims for Supreme Court

1 year after his first appeal, former legislator looks for bigger legal guns in battle against P-C Schools' March '97 bond

BY BRYON MARTIN

True to his word since the first briefs were filed more than a year ago, Jerry Vorva says he will ask the state's top court to consider his case against Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Wednesday a lower court denied his request for a rehearing, which Vorva filed after that three-judge panel threw out his case earlier this year.

His lawyers are now preparing an appeal for a hearing before Michigan's Supreme Court, he says, a push that could send the 15-month-long bout into its longest and costliest round yet.

According to Dave Gruber, a spokesperson at the Michigan Supreme Court, once the court receives Vorva's request at month's end it may take up to eight months for justices to decide whether they will hear the case.

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Twp. to hold tax hearing at Board meeting Tues.

At Tuesday's meeting, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of the Township's operating revenue for 1999.

A notice of the public hearing advertises it as a discussion of increased property taxes, but according to Finance Director Rosemary Harvey, this is not a tax jump.

"The millage rate is not increasing,"

she said. "But because of the increase in our taxable value we will collect more money with the same millage rate."

According to the Headlee Amendment, municipalities can increase their property tax revenues no higher than the rate of inflation, which is what the Township has decided to do. Whether the millage rate rises or falls, the Township is required to hold a public hearing on the matter.

Undefeated

Salem boys soccer on track for state finals

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A look back at Fall Fest

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Grants finance 3 new Twp. police hires

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Despite the failure of their recent police and fire millage, Plymouth Township will still add three new officers to their force this year.

The Plymouth Township Police Department has been awarded two Byrne Memorial Grants from the State of Michigan. One of the grants will be used to hire a DARE officer to work at the five middle schools in the Plymouth-Canton School District. Currently, one DARE officer is already used

at the elementary schools.

The other Byrne grant will be used to create a School Resource Officer who will be responsible for youth services, law enforcement and juvenile investigations. According to Police Chief Lawrence Carey, the school resource officer is expected to work mostly at CEP.

"I think we are the only community in the state to receive two Byrne grants," Carey said. "We expected to get one. Two is very rare."

Carey contributes getting the grants to "demonstrated need" at both the schools and within the Township itself.

In addition to the state grants, Plymouth Township was also awarded a COPS Universal Hiring Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, which will allow the Township to hire another officer for street patrol.

The hirings don't come without some cost to the Township, however. The Byrne Grant for the school resource officer will provide 75 per cent of the officers salary and benefits. For the DARE officer, 75 per cent of the officers salary will also be provided, but only for the nine month school year. The COPS grant will contribute a maximum of \$25,000 each

year toward the patrol officer's salary — roughly half of the money required.

In dollars, the Township will have to contribute just over \$60,000 in local match funds for 1999 to maintain the three new officers, whereas it normally would cost more than \$150,000.

The grants do not eliminate the manpower dilemma the police department had following the millage failure, Carey said. "The need is still there. We're going to have to find ways to address that problem."

Both the DARE officer and the school liaison officer are expected to begin next semester, in January. The new patrol officer probably won't be on the streets until next spring, according to Carey.

Thief uses toy gun, bike

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 35-year old Canton woman was allegedly robbed Tuesday in front of the Mirage party store on Sheldon Road.

According to Canton Police Ofc. Leonard Schemanske, the victim said she was about to enter her van and leave the parking lot when she heard the sound of shuffling feet behind her. She turned and saw a man with dark medium-length hair, sunglasses and a bomber jacket approaching.

The man allegedly lifted his sleeve, showing what appeared to be a long, silver

gun and demanded her money.

The woman gave the suspect \$200, but he only took \$60, stating: "That's all I need," according to Schemanske.

The man then fled on a mountain bike into a nearby subdivision, Schemanske said.

Canton K-9 Ofc. Maverick tracked the suspect into the subdivision, but eventually lost the scent, according to reports.

Police found the alleged weapon, a plastic toy gun, under a parked car along the track. Schemanske said they will seek a warrant for armed robbery.

\$22,000 tractor stolen from subdivision site

Whether they tossed it onto a trailer or drove it away, someone apparently stole a commercial tractor worth \$22,000 from the Woodlore South construction site, according to Plymouth Township Police reports.

Workers reported it missing after they arrived at the site last Monday and could not find it.

The tractor weighed 5,000 lbs. — small

compared to other construction equipment — and could have been towed away on a trailer or hotwired, according to James Wilde, head of Precision Grading.

The farmington-based company had been using the tractor for clean-up work around the site, Wilde told police, and had left it there Friday, Sept. 4. When workers arrived the following Monday it was gone, according to reports.

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10K, 5K, 1 Mile Walk/Run
Sunday, October 11, 1998
Salem and Canton High Schools



Races & Times:

7:30 am Registration
8:45 am 1 Mile Run/Walk
9:00 am 10K Run
9:15 am 5K Run

Entry Fees:

\$15 Before 9/25/98
\$18 Late and Race Day

Registration & Information

Complete form and mail with check to:
Trish Donnelly-Runnion Foundation
PO Box 700034, Plymouth MI 48170
(734) 981-4753

Long Sleeve T-shirts to pre-paid entries.
Race Day entries while supplies last.

RACE ENTRY FORM — PLEASE PRINT

Last Name: _____ First name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Birthdate: _____ Age: (as of 10/11/98): _____ Male: _____ Female: _____
Telephone: _____

1 Mile: _____ 5K: _____ 10K: _____
Shirt Size (please circle) M L XL

Waiver:

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees do hereby release and discharge the Trish Donnelly-Runnion Foundation, Plymouth Salem Cross Country Teams, the Township of Canton, The Township of Plymouth, the Plymouth-Canton School District, its agents, representatives or affiliates and all other sponsors jointly and severally, for any and all claims of injuries or damages incurred by me in connection of said event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in the event and am physically fit to participate in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian if under 18 years: _____

Crier staff welcomes new Business Manager

She's back, and happy about the trees, the weather and her return to the field of publishing and design.

After 25 years in San Francisco, Plymouth native Linda Szyniszewski has returned to Michigan and has joined The Community Crier's staff as Business Manager. She fills that position following the departure of Lisa Lepping, the Crier business manager who moved last week to Atlanta, GA with her husband, Bob.

Szyniszewski comes to The Crier after working for a year with Ann Arbor Technological Services, where she has been employed since returning to Michigan last year with her eight-year-old daughter, Morgan.

An alumnus of Our Lady of Good Counsel and graduate of Ladywood High School, Szyniszewski worked for the Observer-Eccentric papers (where she worked with the publisher of this newspaper) before moving to California in 1974 and worked as advertising director of the San Francisco Bay Guardian. (The publisher of that paper and the publisher of this newspaper have been friends since they



SZYNISZEWSKI

testified together before the U.S. Congress.)

"Ski" started her design house, Elephant Graphics, in San Francisco.

In her position at The Crier she will oversee the business functions of The Community Crier newspaper, and its publishing house, COMMA. The job marks her return to the publishing industry, she said.

"Michigan has exquisite weather," she said. "I wanted Morgan to know the seasons. She loves the snow."

Canton's suicide squeeze?

Man claims better idea than buying softball center

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton officials and residents might agree that there is a need for more softball facilities in the township, but they disagree about how the problem should be solved.

Canton has proposed to purchase the Canton Softball Center, a 70-acre site along Michigan Avenue that has 12 lighted softball fields and other facilities, such as batting cages and a restaurant.

The Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of the property, contingent on selling \$2.6 million in bonds for the \$4.7-million facility.

Canton resident Mark Wira has other ideas, and he's starting up a referendum petition calling for a public vote on the bond sales.

"I have a number of doubts as to why it's necessary," he told the Board of Trustees Tuesday.

Although he says Canton needs more softball facilities, he believes the money would be better spent acquiring the Coleman Trust property — about 207 acres of land on Ford Road west of Napier Road.

"I think it will provide a foothold for recreation in that side of Canton," he said.

Canton has considered buying the property for about two years, according to Supervisor Tom Yack. The township has applied for and received a \$1.3-million grant that can be used toward the purchase of the property, if it is earmarked solely for recreation, Yack said.

But purchasing that property isn't as economically feasible as would be the softball center, and wouldn't satisfy Canton's short term needs, according to Yack. The landowners are only willing to sell it to the township as a whole, and though it was assessed at about \$15,000 an acre two years ago, it could be as

much as twice that now, he said.

"That's just the cost of acquiring the land," he said. "It also needs sewer, water grading and all the improvements we'd do to it. You're talking a lot of money."

The location of the softball center — along busy Michigan Avenue — and its ability to make money have drawn criticism as well. Wira also questioned the township's liability at the restaurant, which includes a liquor license.

Yack said he isn't concerned with the liability issue. Canton's two liquor licenses — one at Pheasant Run Golf Club and another at the Summit on the Park — have not resulted in any legal difficulties for the township, he said.

The proposed purchase has brought questions to the recreation field as well. With Plymouth Township recently voting down a recreation millage, and the future of the City of Plymouth's recreation program in doubt, there was speculation that Canton would close up its borders to their northern, ball-playing neighbors.

Not so, said Mike Gouin, Canton Parks and Recreation Superintendent.

"At this point that's not the direction we're heading," he said. "We're not trying to be exclusive. There will be non-resident fees because of the amount of money we're spending on the project."

Canton has to sell the bonds first, and Wira has until Oct. 18 to gather the 4,307 signatures needed to force a public vote.

With time running out, he admits he's behind schedule, caught in the proverbial suicide squeeze.

"I currently don't have wording approved to make the petition sheets available," he said. He does intend to proceed with the referendum, however.

"I just don't see why we have to make a decision in the next 40 days. It's happening very quickly and all I'm saying is just wait, or put it on the ballot and see if the community wants it."

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Canton Development:

75 acres, 600 condos

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Richard Lewiston's latest community within a community — a mixed-use development proposed for 75 acres on the northwest corner of Canton Center and Saltz roads — received approval from the Canton Planning Commission Monday.

Called the Cambridge Planned Development District (PDD), the project consists of 599 dwelling units, an upscale bookstore with an outdoor cafe, and a branch of Community Bank of Dearborn, according to Lewiston.

The development will be designed with heavy emphasis on landscaping to provide a park-like setting and promote

pedestrian traffic within the PDD, he said.

"The retention ponds will be set at different elevations and designed as a series of waterfalls with gazebos overlooking them," Lewiston said.

Other exterior features include a perimeter wall of stone piers and wrought iron, a sidewalk along Canton Center and Saltz roads, and the paving of Saltz to the western property line, Lewiston said.

He also said he would like to pursue commercial components in addition to the bank and book store already planned.

Surprise: P-C-N is growing

SEMCOG releases census update figures for SE Michigan

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Most Plymouth-Canton-Northville residents probably didn't need a government agency to tell them their community is growing. They could see it all around them.

Nonetheless, conformation was given recently as the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments released their population estimates for 1998.

As expected, the numbers show significant increases for Canton, Plymouth Township and Northville Township. The cities of Northville and Plymouth, long-established communities with little developable area, displayed a slight decline.

According to the report, Plymouth Township's population stands at 26,163, a 10.6-per cent increase since the 1990 census. Likewise, Northville Township's population increased 18 per cent since 1990, from 17,313 to 20,436.

The largest increase in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community belongs to Canton. Its population has increased 23.4 per cent since 1990, the report said, with a current resident count of just over 70,000. This increase makes Canton the second-fastest growing community in Wayne County, behind Huron Township, which has expanded 23.7 per cent since 1990.

At 70,409, Canton is now the fifth-largest community in Wayne County, according to the report. Only Detroit, Livonia, Westland and Dearborn are larger.

These numbers are only estimates, the report says, and are for reference use only.

According to Jeff Nutting at SEMCOG, the numbers are derived from a statistical formula called the housing-unit method.

Housing unit numbers from the 1990 census are used as base data. The numbers are then updated through a variety of sources, including building permits, counts of manufactured housing parts and data from several agencies such as the Michigan Department of Health. Occupancy rates and average household size are adjusted for each community. The combined data produces the estimate.

The estimates, Nutting said, can be used by communities in two different ways: planning for the next census and determining levels of government service.

"Most government funding is based on population numbers from the previous census," Nutting said. "(These estimates) won't change funding, but it does give communities an idea of how their funding will be affected in 2000."

SEMCOG's estimates are updated every year, Nutting said, but with more efficient methods of number gathering now in place, he expects updates more frequently, possibly every three months.

All of SEMCOG's population numbers, are available at SEMCOG's Web site: www.semco.org.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tonight, Canton's Library Board meets at 7:30 p.m.
- Tomorrow is Focus/Hope pick-up day at Plymouth's City Hall.
- Tomorrow, Canton's 3rd Thursday government-business breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at Old Country Buffet. Call 734-453-4040.

THIS WEEKEND

- Saturday, the Canton Beautification Committee holds its Fall Plant Exchange from 9 - 11 a.m. behind the Historical Museum. Call Chris for further details at 734-495-0042.

NEXT WEEK

- Monday, the evening book discussion group meets at Canton Library. Call 734-397-0999.
- Monday, Plymouth's City Commission meets in the Commission Chambers at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 201 N. Main Street.
- Tuesday, Plymouth Township's Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. in Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.
- Tuesday, Canton's Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The Board will set millage rates.

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Patricia Podosek of Canton and Marisa Galick of Plymouth have graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.



Chris Lynn, son of Ronald and Elizabeth Lynn of Plymouth, has graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a B.S. in Geology with a focus in Hydrology and a minor in Environmental Analysis. He has been accepted as a teaching assistant at the University of Toledo while he works on his master's degree. He is also working for E & E Manufacturing.

Navy Fireman Recruit Jason C. Roch, son of Raymond J. and Marie Roch of Canton, recently participated in Exercise MARCOT-Unified Spirit '98 while aboard the mine warfare command ship USS Inchon.

He is a 1996 graduate of Canton High School.

Regina L. Sobota of Canton is a graduate of the medical assisting program at Schoolcraft College. Sobota earned the Certified Medical Assistant by passing the certification examination for medical students.

She is employed at the Henry Ford Medical Center in Canton.

Jeffrey Moore of Plymouth has graduated from Ball State University with a M.A. in Actuarial Science.

Paul J. Britz and Rosemary A. Music of Canton; Bethany A. Hammond and Christopher Winslow of Northville; and Matthew P. Mosley and Jacqueline Wilder of Plymouth have graduated from Ferris State University.

An eye on the future

New Plymouth Symphony director is planning for next year

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Julia Kurtyka, who recently took the helm of the Plymouth Symphony, has performed in orchestras from coast to coast.

She has also conducted and directed the International Symphony Youth Ensemble, been a tour manager for the San Francisco Opera, a freelance violinist and a music instructor.

Not bad for someone who considers herself to be the black sheep of the family.

"My parents had five children and I'm the weird one," she said. "I was the only one who showed an interest in music. They all have homes and families, but I laugh a lot more than they do."

Kurtyka assumed her role as executive director of the Plymouth Symphony two weeks ago. Her lists of accomplishments are almost too numerous to mention, from performing with her violin in Bach festivals in California, Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, to managing the Dearborn Orchestral Society.

It's an expertise she hopes to bring to the Plymouth Symphony, to guide it into the future.

"It seemed like the right thing to do," she said. "The potential here is limitless."

And although Kurtyka had performed similar duties before, and in fact knew some members of the Plymouth Symphony personally, it was still a difficult decision. It meant leaving behind one aspect of her career that she enjoyed most: teaching.

"All of my students became my friends and it was difficult to give up," she said. "Their parents would call me up and ask if I was sure I wanted to do this. They'd

“The main idea is to serve the community as a whole.”

—Julia Kurtyka
Executive director
Plymouth Symphony

ask if I signed a contract yet, and then they'd put their kids on the phone."

Kurtyka started studying the violin when she was attending school in the Detroit public school system, and said she understands the value of a good music



Julia Kurtyka's musical career has taken her from Michigan to Colorado, California, and finally back to Michigan, as the new executive director of the Plymouth Symphony. (Crier Photo by Scott Spielman.)

teacher.

"I think that's why I'm so interested in music in school," she said. "I was very fortunate that they had that program in my school."

She graduated from Cass Technical High School, and went on to earn both a bachelors and masters degree from the University of Michigan. From there she performed in and managed various symphonic and orchestral music organizations throughout the state before moving to California in 1985.

She returned to Michigan in 1988, taking a position as general manager of the Dearborn Orchestral Society (DOS). She continues to perform with the DOS and several other nearby symphonies.

Her experience has given her many ideas for the symphony's future. With this season already set, Kurtyka is already looking forward to next year.

"It's not that there aren't things we can't change this season, but I'm really gearing toward next season," she said.

Among her goals are to increase season subscriptions and sell more tickets earlier, she said. She also plans on increasing the

symphony's educational role. A symphony group will be going into Plymouth-Canton Schools at the end of September to give a demonstration to the students, she said.

It's a program she hopes to continue, and eventually expand, like ticket sales in general. She also hopes to make the symphony concerts more accessible to senior citizens by giving them discounts and even providing transportation to and from concerts.

"You have to be able to reach everyone," she said. "The growth here has been phenomenal, and the main idea is to service the community as a whole."

Addenda & errata

A story in The Crier's Sept. 2 edition listed an improper meeting time for the group Meet Other Mothers (MOM). The group meets the second and fourth Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. instead of 9:30 p.m. as reported.

An upscale development to walk through

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"We're in heavy negotiations with a national bookstore, and I'm trying to involve an art studio as well," Lewiston said. "It's not critical to the financial part of the development, but it is critical to the living part."

Lewiston has developed several upscale developments within Canton, including the Pilgrim Village condominiums at Warren and Lilley roads and the Pheasant View condominiums.

Commissioners voiced concern about the development wrapping around a single residence that faces

Saltz Road. That property, currently belonging to Vickie and Harold Bates, wasn't part of the plan because the previous owners refused to sell, Lewiston said.

"Having a single residence surrounded by this type of development seems like pretty poor planning on our part," Commissioner Catherine Johnson said.

Vickie Bates said they bought the property three years ago, unaware that the previous owner had refused to sell. She also said that she and her husband would consider selling to Lewiston.

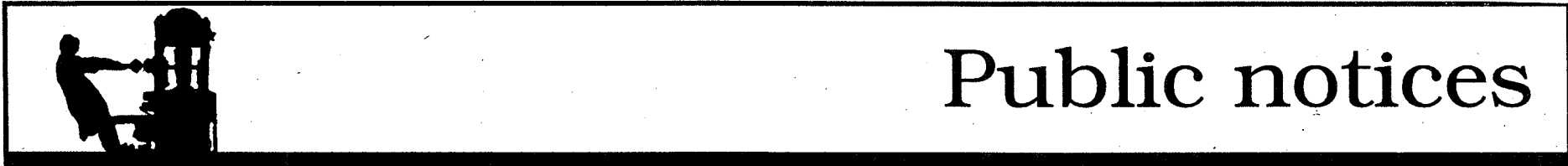
Lewiston said he would consider purchasing the

property.

"If they think that selling the property is a fair and reasonable thing to do, I will sit down in full faith and discuss it," Lewiston said. "But it's not appropriate to discuss it at an open meeting."

Lewiston said the size of the units would range from 1,000 to 1,500 square feet. Prices would start at more than \$100,000 per unit. He said he hopes to break ground in May 1999 and have the project completed by 2001.

"I want to create something people will want to walk through," he said.



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1998

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Clerk Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 8, 1998, as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Clerk Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Robert Nassar updated the Board on the water retention problem in Trilium Woods Subdivision. Mr. Bailey stated that the as-built drawing furnished by Werner, Cantrell and Padmos had been reviewed by his office and their concerns relayed to the building department. Mr. Nassar summarized the water problems that occurred on August 6, during a very heavy rain, which indicate to him that the site work is not correct. He stated that he will file a complaint form with the State of Michigan.

Trustee Griffith moved to approve the request of the Charter Township of Plymouth Planning Commission. Application 1454/0697, to rezone the property located on the southeast corner of North Territorial and Powell Roads, to R-1-H, Single Family Residential District. Seconded by Treasurer Edwards. Ayes all.

Trustee Arnold moved to approve the Final Plat for Application 1034/0598, Country Acres of Plymouth Subdivision No. 3, located north of Ann Arbor Road, south of Powell Road., west of Ridge Road, east of Napier Road, subject to the provision of financial guarantees in the form of cash or irrevocable letter in the amount of \$1,658,475, as recommended by the Township Engineer and to the documents being modified, as approved by the Township Attorney to show that the tennis/pool facility shall be provided on lots 179, 180 and 181. Supported by Trustee Griffith. Following a lengthy discussion between Board Members, and input from Mr. Anulewicz, Attorney Cronin and a representative for the applicant, Ms. Arnold amended the motion by adding "subject to the Township Attorney reviewing the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions/Building and Use Restrictions, prior to the Clerk signing the plat, clarifying that the homeowner association will function as one for all six phases of the development and that the entire development, phases 1 through 6, will have the opportunity to utilize the open space areas, clubhouse and tennis/pool facilities." Seconded by Trustee Griffith.

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

Motion carried.

Treasurer Edwards moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. C-98-10, the Plymouth Township Telecommunications Ordinance, and set application fee of \$2500.00. Seconded by Trustee Arnold.

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

Motion carried.

Trustee Mueller moved to approve Resolution No. 98-09-08-40, granting a 5 year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for furniture and fixtures to Collins and Aikman Carpet & Acoustics, located at 47785 West Anchor Court, Lot 22, Metro West Technology Park. Supported by Trustee Griffith.

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

The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Trustee Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 98-09-08-39, granting the request from "the Upside Downs" of Plymouth Township, County of Wayne, be recognized as a no-profit organization operating in the community. Supported by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Trustee Curmi moved that October 13, 1998 be established for Public Hearing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on the renovation of the front office portion of Key Plastics, Inc., located at 40300 Plymouth Road, including the cost of new furniture and fixtures. Supported by Trustee Mueller. Ayes all.

Trustee Mueller moved to approve Resolution No. 98-09-08-41, approving Western Townships Utilities Authority 1998/1999 budget as adopted by the WTUA Board of Commissioners on August 24, 1998. Seconded by Clerk Massengill.

Roll Call: Ayes: Arnold, Edwards, Griffith, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy.
Nays: Curmi.

The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Clerk Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 98-09-08-41, amending the 1998 General Fund Budget to allocate funds for matching grants to hire police officers. Seconded by Treasurer Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Trustee Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 98-09-08-43, granting the request from Arena Management Company for a new Dance-Entertainment Permit to be held in conjunction with 1998 Class C licensed business with the Official Permit (Food), Miscellaneous-1 (Ice Skating), and 5 bars, located at 14900 Beck Road and the Agreement between the Charter Township of Plymouth and Arena Management Company titled "Agreement Regarding Dance/Entertainment permit Request". Seconded by Trustee Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Trustee Mueller moved to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute any documents necessary to accept the two Byrne Memorial Grants and the COPS Universal Hiring Grant. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Trustee Curmi reported on the latest meeting of the Joint Services Committee relative to the City/Township DPW merger. He stated that following a presentation by Mr. Sincok and Mr. Anulewicz, the City of Plymouth concluded that there would be no substantial benefit to them to merge the departments. The City stated that their residents enjoy this department and they did not want to jeopardize it for a very small savings. Township representatives concluded that it would actually be more costly for Plymouth Township.

Merging Dispatch was also discussed. The city felt that not having Dispatch at its current location would be perceived as abdicating control of the City or reducing services. The conclusion was to revisit the financial side to see if there was some merit. But the hypothesis on the part of the city was that there was no merit. It was pointed out that it did appear to have merit because Dispatch in both communities are currently understaffed and if merged, Dispatch would be fully staffed with the communities splitting the salaries.

Trustee Curmi requested that the Supervisor appoint a Y2K committee and project manager for the Township and a status report be given at every meeting between now and the end of 1999.

Trustee Griffith asked for a status report from YCUA on where we are with cost flows to YCUA vs. flows to the City of Detroit.

Trustee Mueller requested that the Board seriously consider an Employee of the Month Reward Program.

Trustee Arnold stated that she would like the Township employees to wear some sort of identification so citizens can identify who they are speaking to.

It was moved by Clerk Massengill and seconded by Trustee Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn A. Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Herriman & Associates, Inc., dba Condo Managers, a Plymouth-based firm specializing in condominium management, has appointed **Robert M. Eugeni** to a new management position as a Community Association manager.

Herriman & Associates, Inc. provides management services to condominium associations in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Livonia, and Westland. Eugeni lives in Canton with his wife Melissa and their son, Calvin.

Five top performers with Prudential's Plymouth area agency were selected to attend the company's National Business Conference.

Among the select number of top performing sales agents in Prudential's more than 700 agencies across the country to qualify to attend the annual conference are **James Smithpeters, Michael Sullivan, Paul Buckman, Rajen Sheth and John Tauren.**

The **Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce** is looking for donations to help defray the cost of promotional postcards delivered through Shopper's Plus to all Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents. The postcards promote shopping in downtown Plymouth.

For more information call the Chamber's office at (734) 453-1540, or attend one of the Chamber's retail committee meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

MEDHEALTH Systems Corporation of Plymouth has promoted **Maria A. Marcantonio** Senior Corporate Director of Marketing and Communications. She will be responsible for supervising, directing and managing all marketing and communications programs and all guest relations staffs.

Marcantonio is a Northville resident, and an Ambassador of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. She is also active in many local charities.

Also promoted were **Lisa Sultana-Bogacki** and **Michelle Goraj**. Sultana-Bogacki will act as the office manager for the corporation's Plymouth and Riverview facilities and Goraj will assume the role of office assistant for the Plymouth Facility.

MEDHEALTH also recently hired **Laura A. Wilson**, of Canton, as a team member of the guest relations staff.

A bright new jeweler

25-year-old Ypsilanti jewelery, watch business relocates to Canton

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When Nahida Farhat went looking for a new location for her jewelry store, Canton was near the top of her list.

"I've been living in Canton for the past 14 years and I really like the area," she said.

Her store, Bright Jewelers Inc., opened Tuesday in the Cherry Hill Village shopping center at Sheldon and Cherry Hills roads.

Farhat has operated the store for 25 years at the previous location, inside a Meijers in Ypsilanti. She wanted to expand the store, which carried primarily jewelry and watches and provided a gold and watch repair service, but Meijers wouldn't allow her to, she said.

She said she scouted other locations in Ypsilanti, closer to her client base, but none of the locations suited her business.

"They were all too big or too small," she said.

At 1,200 square feet, the Canton location was just right, she said. The extra space allows her to stock other gift products without crowding the store and making it difficult to walk around in.

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Nahida Farhat (right) and her son, Sam, opened Bright Jewelers, Inc. last week. The 25-year old business was previously located in Ypsilanti. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

Farhat prides herself on offering upscale jewelry and watches. Brand names such as Seiko, Lorus and Citizen can be found, while Armitron and Casio can't.

In addition to jewelry and watches, Bright Jewelers has lines of gift items not found in other jewelry stores. With lead crystal collectibles and other knickknacks, Farhat is trying to reach a wider audience. She also has a line of hi-tech time-keeping devices straight from a Brookstone-type store and glass greeting cards and postcards imported from Canada.

"That's the only place I've ever seen them," she said.

Farhat is not the only family member to own her own business in Canton. Her son operates a watch repair business out of his

home, handling most of the repair work for local Hudson's, Service Merchandise and other smaller, jewelry stores, including Bright Jewelers, Inc.

"A lot of people are glad to have this type of service in their own neighborhood," Farhat said. "Watches are very precise instruments and unless you know what you're doing you can mess everything up."

Farhat said she will be offering many sales for their ongoing opening celebration, and offer significant discounts on jewelry and timepieces alike.

"Business has been good so far. We've had a lot of customers come in," she said. "I'm hoping we'll do well. We're here to serve the people of Canton. It's our goal."



Solidarity...

Roger Caldwell (center) and the gang from UAW Local 845 take part in last week's Labor Day Parade in downtown Detroit. The Canton-based local serves workers from the Ford Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

'Everybody gets into it'

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festival with a parade through downtown Northville Friday evening. The parade will begin in the recreation center at 6:30 p.m.

Festivities will continue through Saturday and Sunday with entertainment laced in every corner. According to Marris, five different puppet theaters will operate at once. Jugglers, magicians and storytellers will be situated throughout the blocked-off streets. Even Dr. Rudy and his famous medicine man show will make continued appearances during the weekend.

"And it's all free," Marris said. "With other festivals of this kind such as the Renaissance Festival, you have to pay a one-time fee to get in. With us, you just walk into town."

Nominal fees are required for some of the kids activities such as craft making and fishing in the pond, Marris said, but all of the weekend's entertainment is free to enjoy. Also free are the carriage rides along festival routes.

For many, the highlight of the festival is the Victorian Costume Ball Saturday night at 8 p.m. For \$45, Ball goers are treated to a night of traditional Victorian dance and music, provided by Jim Tait and the Golden Griffon Stringtet. Light hors d'oeuvres and a dessert buffet will be provided.

Among the other popular activities at the Victorian festival are the antique show and the juried fine art show. Each will be held Saturday and Sunday.

Don't expect to go hungry at the Victorian Fest either. Food will be available in abundance throughout the three-day event. And although organizers have tried to be as authentic as possible, with large turkey legs, chicken and sausage, Marris admits, "we serve '90s Victorian food. We have a Victorian pizza pie."

Now entering its second decade, Northville's Victorian Festival continues to grow, Marris said.

"I think what makes it so popular is that everybody gets really into it," she said. "We've all become Victorian zealots."

Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 0.0816 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1998.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth MI 48170.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 2.52% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 7.56% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

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FITNESS WALK

On Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8:30 a.m., the annual Victorian Three Mile Fitness Walk through downtown Northville will start at the Northville Senior Center. The registration fee is a \$10 donation to the Leukemia Society of America. Registration forms are available at event sponsors: Running Fit, Northville Parks and Recreation and at the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

MSU BAND AT TOWN MEETING

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth is holding a town meeting Thursday, Sept. 24 from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Manor. The speaker will be Professor John L. Whitwell, Director of University Bands at Michigan State University. The meeting will also feature a performance by 14 members of the Michigan State University Marching Band. The cost of lunch is \$13. for reservations or more information, call (734) 459-8811

10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT CELEBRATION

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan will commemorate the 10th Anniversary of it's founding with a concert celebration held Sunday, Sept. 20, 1988 at the Livonia Banquet Center. The Plymouth Symphony, conducted by Maestro Kevin Miller, will perform with Mezzosoprano Irina Mishura. The event is \$15. For reservations or more information, call Sandi Guntzville at (734) 591-0346.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

The Plymouth Symphony has announced its 1998-99 concert season. The season opens Oct. 17, 1998 at 8 p.m. at the Salem High School Auditorium, and will feature a performance by Flutist Deborah Rebeck Ash. Nov. 21, guest conductor Anthony Iannaccone will perform, as will vocal soloists Glenda Kirkland and Conwell Carrington. For more information, or to order tickets for these or other symphony events, please call the symphony office 451-2112.

THE ALPHA COURSE

Northville Christian Assembly will begin The Alpha Course on Sept 20, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the church, located at 41335 W. Six Mile Road, one mile west of I-275. The 10 week practical introduction to the Christian faith offers answers to some key questions. Each weekly session begins with an informal dinner. To learn more about the course or to reserve your place, call (248) 348-9030.

GLASS BLOWING CLASSES

Don Schneider of York Street Glassworks is offering glasses on how to blow glass beads and ornaments. The two-day bead classes will be held Oct. 11-12; 25-26; Nov. 1-2 and 15-16. Ornament classes on Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28; and Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25. For more information call (734) 459-6419.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

The Plymouth Theatre Guild proudly presents, The Nerd, a play directed by Sandy Rosenberger. The show plays Sept. 25 & 26; Oct. 1, 2 & 3 at 8 p.m. There will also be two Sunday Matinees at 6 p.m. Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. All shows will be performed at The Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. Tickets for the shows are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door. For more information or group rates, call (248) 349-7110.


THIRD ANNUAL ART & CRAFT FAIR

The Old Village Third Annual Art & Craft Fair will be held Oct. 3-4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Old Village. Come enjoy the great music, food and fun. For more information call (734) 454-1314.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

St John Neumann Singles will be holding a Halloween Dance Oct. 24, at 8 p.m. Pop, pizza and other treats will be provided, over 21 B.Y.O.B. Admission is \$8. For more information call (313) 277-6083; (734) 454-4269 or (734) 480-7830.

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Plymouth Adult Day Care is for senior citizens who require supervision and who can benefit from a program of recreation/therapeutic activities. Cost is a suggested donation for Wayne County residents. Located at 16115 N. Beck Road, Northville. For more information call (734) 451-1455.

HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The SHARE! Program still needs host families for students ages 15-18 arriving in August from over 28 countries including Germany, Japan, Brazil, China, and Poland. The students will be staying for 5 to 10 months. Interested Plymouth area families should contact Beth Schumann at the SHARE! National Office at 1-800-321-3738.

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Groups

MEET OTHER MOTHERS (MOM)

Meet Other Mothers meets on the **second and fourth Fridays from 9:30 -11:30 a.m.** MOM's main goal is to provide an outlet for those moms who are at home, either full or part time, with their children and are seeking a network of women in similar situations. They also schedule an evening activity, MOMs night out, once a month. For more information call (734) 207-9715.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

P-C Civitan Club holds their monthly dinner meeting, on the third **Thursday** of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Water Club Bar & Grill. Call Barb Kobiela, 464-1129.

HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The heart cancer support group meets the second and fourth **Monday** of each month, 7pm, at Northville's Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Call 422-1826.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." Meet third Friday of each month, noon. Free lunch with reservation. Call Pattie, 981-0286.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

Canton Republican Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. Call Melissa McLaughlin, 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH YMCA "Y" KIDS

For children ages 3-5. Openings for afternoon sessions. Age 3 meets Tuesday and Thursday, ages 4-5 meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Call YMCA, 453-2904.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Society invites interested singers to join this year's performances, including Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes and the Duruffé Requiem. Practices held weekly. No audition necessary. Call Clark or Karen Chapin, 453-4765.

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

Guild is dedicated to advancement, education of ceramic arts; 25 members share space, equipment for pottery production. Classes each semester. Call 207-8807.

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

BOULDERS

734-459-4190; Wed. and Sun.: Karaoke. Sat.: Strangers

CANTON CINEMA 6

734-981-1900; "Dead Man on Campus" "There's Something About Mary" "Snake Eyes" "Wrongfully Accused" "Blade" "Dance with Me" "Rounders"

CENTER STAGE

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

CROWS NEST

734-459-4020; Wed.: D.L. Turner Thurs., Fri., and Sat.: Benny and the Jets

ERNESTO'S

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

GENITT'S HOLE IN THE WALL

248-349-0522; Live Interactive Dinner Theater: "I Do...I Think."

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Thurs.: Live music: Sun Messengers

MARQUIS THEATRE

248-349-8110; Live Musical Theatre "Raggedy Ann & Andy."

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248-349-8686; Thurs. Open Jam, and Sat.: Karaoke

WEST SIDE SINGLES

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

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Little not surprised: 'I expected this to continue'

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Vorva said he anticipates a high-court appeal would cost another \$5,000 - \$10,000. Past proceedings, he said, have been financed largely with his own money and work donated from his lawyers.

"They've given me as much pro-bono as I've spent," he said.

Vorva's appeal will argue that lower courts have either misapplied or misinterpreted the law in their rulings against his charges of election manipulation and failure to protect citizens' rights to vote.

Since he and the schools first went to court in August 1997, Vorva has been turned back at every pass — from local boards of canvassers to the Lansing Court of Appeals — but remains nonetheless tenacious in his seemingly lone crusade against the district and its March '97 bond election.

Those who've never met the former police officer and state representative might find such dogged determination surprising.

Superintendent Chuck Little does not. "I fully expected this to continue," after the appeals court dismissed Vorva's suit, he said. "I'm not surprised."

Little has resigned himself to running

the long legal course Vorva has set, but has done so while rebuffing proposals to settle out of court. The first such offer was tendered last summer by Vorva himself.

No deal

It was then that Vorva filed his suit after 716 ballots were miscast in the March election. At issue was an \$80 million bond to build a new high school, elementary school and to buy computers and school buses. The issue passed by a 96-vote margin out of roughly 12,000 cast.

Vorva was one of three members of the community — including current School Board member Roland Thomas — to file complaints over the lost votes. Only Vorva took his complaint to court, charging the schools manipulated the election by holding it on a Saturday, rather than the customary Monday; and with not protecting "the fundamental right to vote" of those 716 whose ballots did not count.

Five times, ruling bodies have disagreed with Vorva and upheld the election. And five times, Vorva has appealed to the next-higher authority, extending the case and delaying sale of bonds and its subsequent construction projects.

Throughout the months spent in court, Vorva has said he would drop his case if

school officials held another election or agreed to automatically mail absentee ballots to every registered voter in the district in upcoming school elections.

The district declined. State law allows for new elections under certain circumstances only, none of which were found in any of the five reviews of the election. And every time a board or court has upheld the vote, the schools cited it as another vindication and reason not to capitulate to Vorva's proposals.

Unable to pressure the schools into cooperating, Vorva took the absentee ballots into his own hands to "unmanipulate" the schools' electoral machinations, he said.

As school officials prepare for another bond election — this one slated for Oct. 3 to build a replacement middle school — Vorva has spent \$7,000 to reproduce the district's form to request an absentee ballot and mailed them to every registered voter in The City of Plymouth. Yesterday he said he finished mailing to Township residents and would start on Canton's voters next week.

Vorva, never one to miss a chance to slag an opponent, compared school officials and the suit to the president and the Monica S. Lewinski imbroglio.

"They're just like Clinton. Had he settled with Paula Jones this would all

be over," he said. "They could have settled an \$80-million problem for \$7,000. That must be their new math."

Little and the School Board have weathered such taunts and quips for more than a year now, and have occasionally expressed their frustration in public. Most recently, when tennis team boosters complained of poor court conditions, Little said to "blame Jerry Vorva," that his suit was tying up money to fix the courts as well as build schools in an increasingly crowded district.

Early enrollment counts taken at the beginning of this year indicate a 600-student increase in district attendance, according to Ginnie Murdoch, supervisor of student accounting.

Bond supporters have said such growth underscores the need to free the March '97 bond money and build schools, motivating former Congressman Carl Pursell to volunteer as a mediator and to seek a settlement.

So far, his attempts at shuttle diplomacy have failed. No deal has been made, Little said Monday. Discussions never made it as far as the table.

"I'm hearing this noise...there's this false sense that some settlement is in the works," he said. "Any proposals for settlement would have to go through our lawyers." Little said none have been made.

Hurry up

Once Vorva files his petition, the schools' counsel will be busy trying to shorten the time it will take the Supreme Court to decide whether the case will be heard.

"We'll ask for an expedition," Little said. "If there's a way to hurry this up we'll ask for it."


Gruber, with the Supreme Court, said there are ways to expedite consideration if requested by one of the parties in a case.

"If immediate consideration is given, it could be heard by (the end of the court's current term) July 31 — or even as early as this fall," Gruber said.

But even in hurry-up mode, even if the Supreme Court Justices hear the case and end up agreeing that lower courts ruled in err, it's no guarantee Vorva's case will fare any better in the end. A high-court win would send the case back to circuit court for rehearing with general instructions.

"It's not necessarily over with a Supreme Court win," Vorva said. "You're just packing some big guns."

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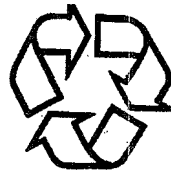
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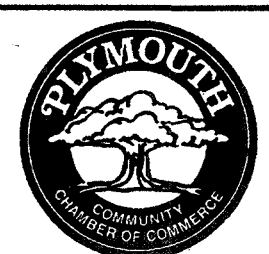
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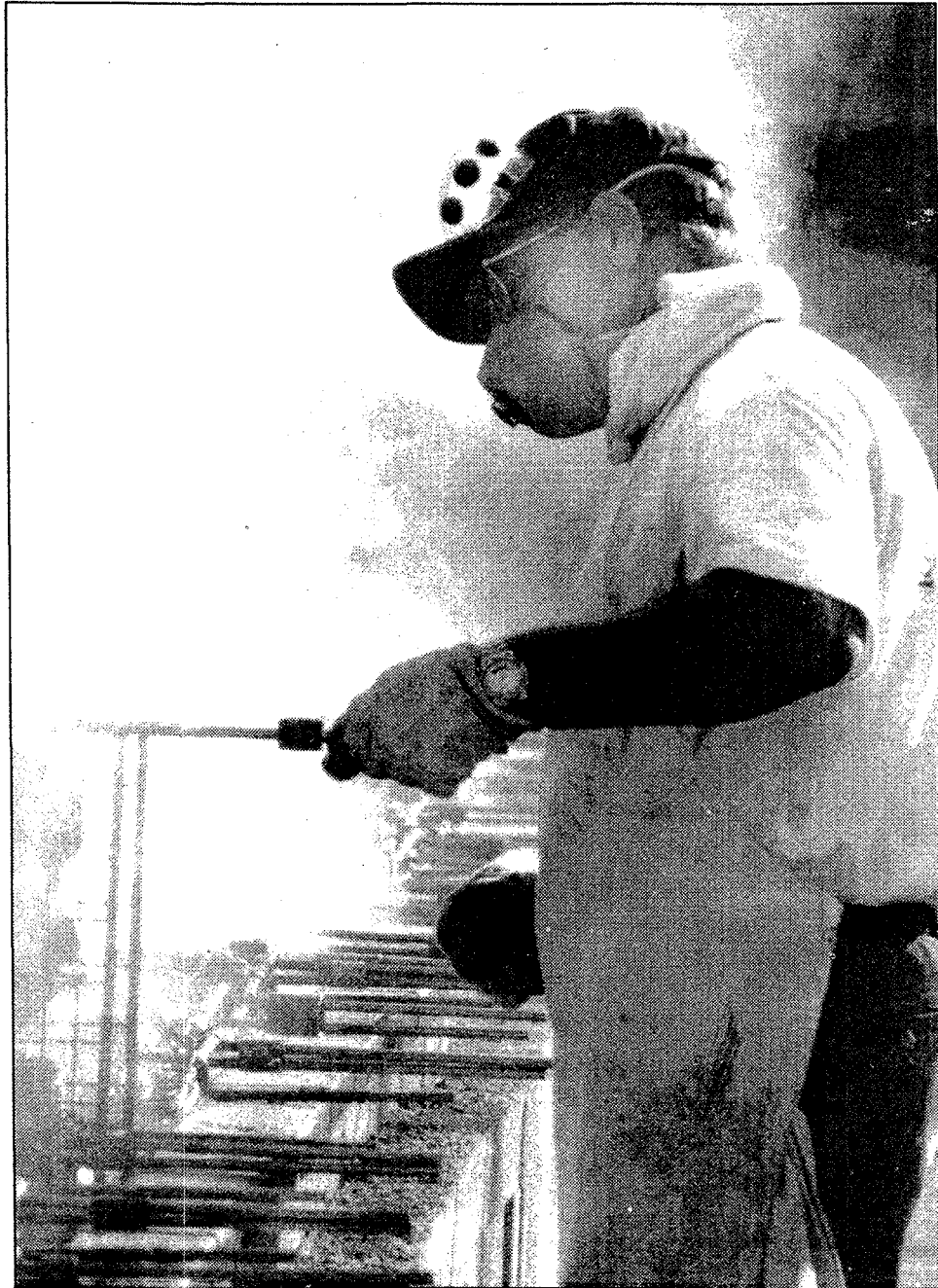
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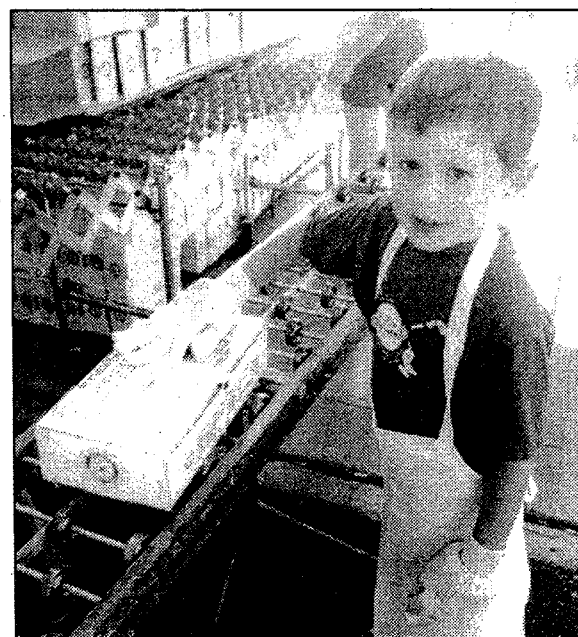


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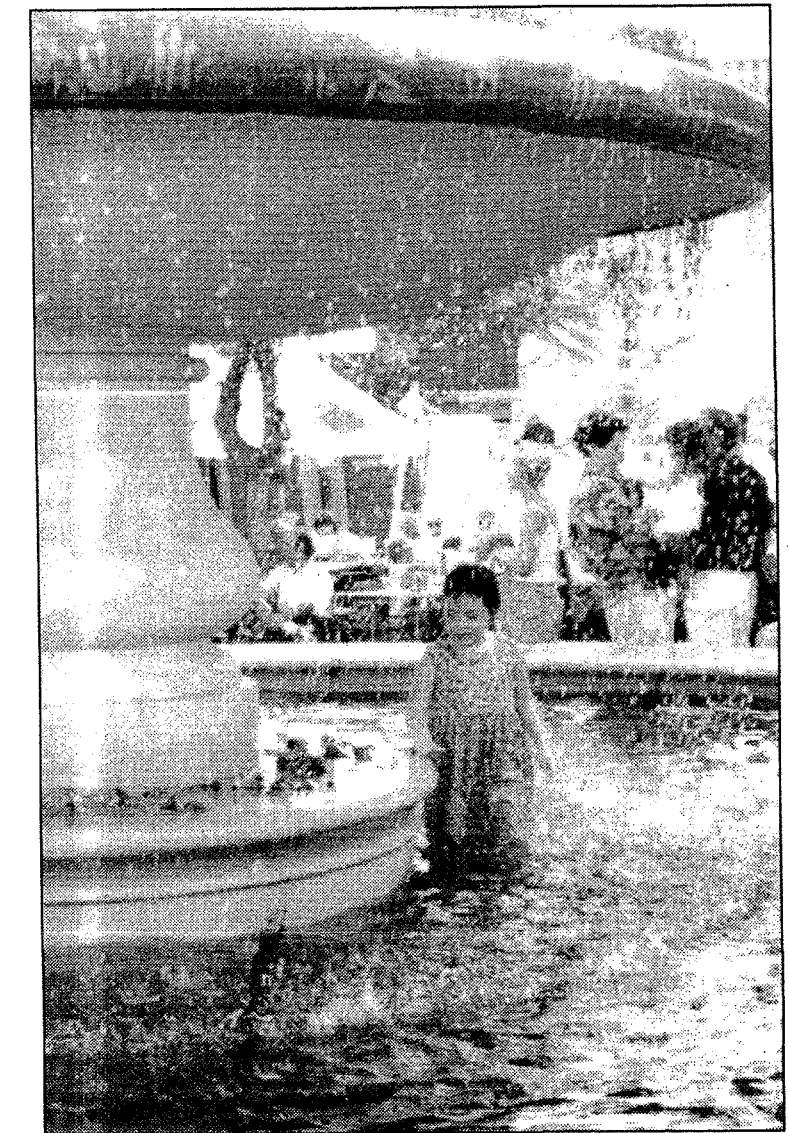
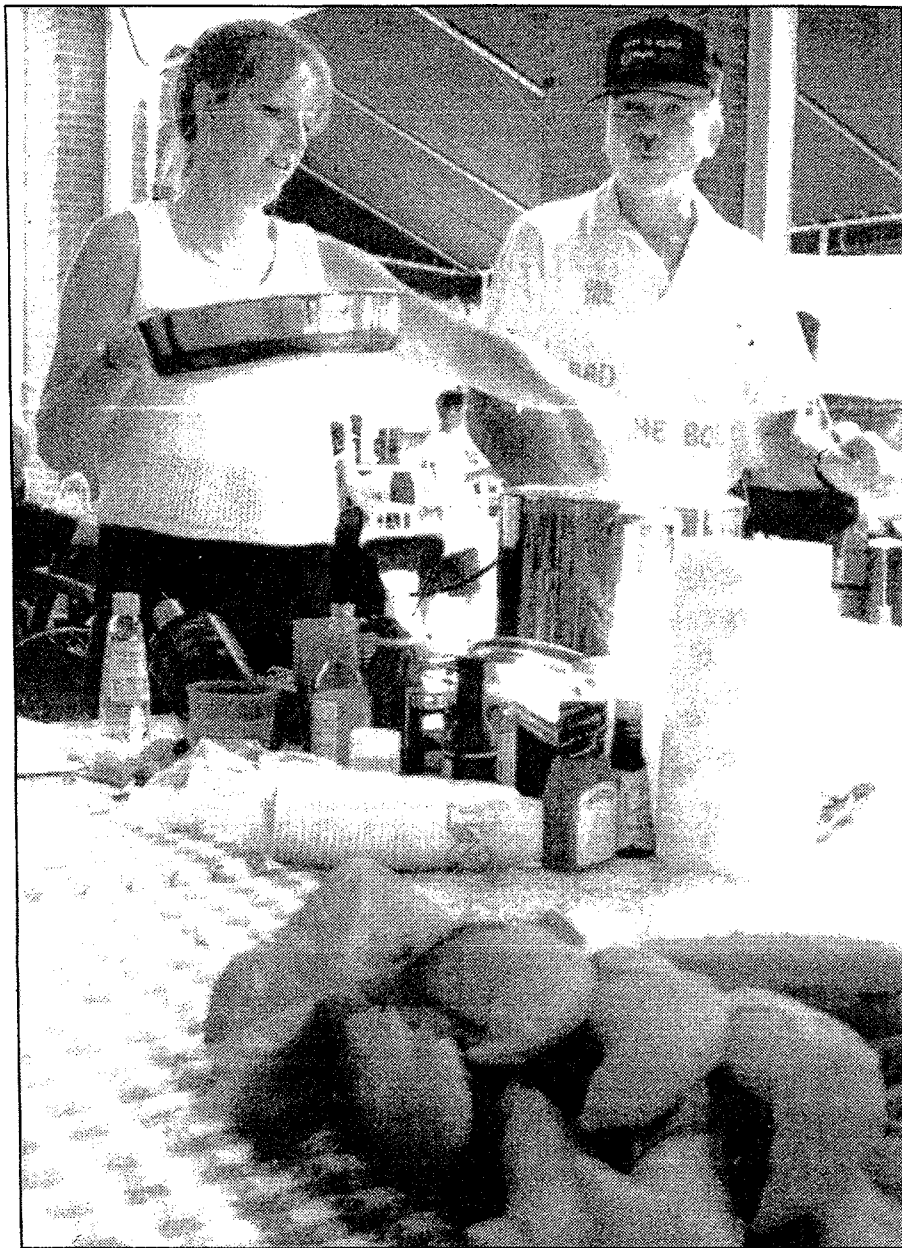


The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers perform a lively number in the park (above); a Rotary 'Smokeater' checks some of the 11,000 chickens cooked throughout Sunday's chicken barbecue (right); Colin Dineau lends a hand to his fellow Rotarians as chicken dinners are ushered off to hungry Fest goers (bottom right); The Canton Tennis Boosters lemonade was a big hit with Kristy and Jenna, and many festgoers as temperatures soared into the 80s (below).

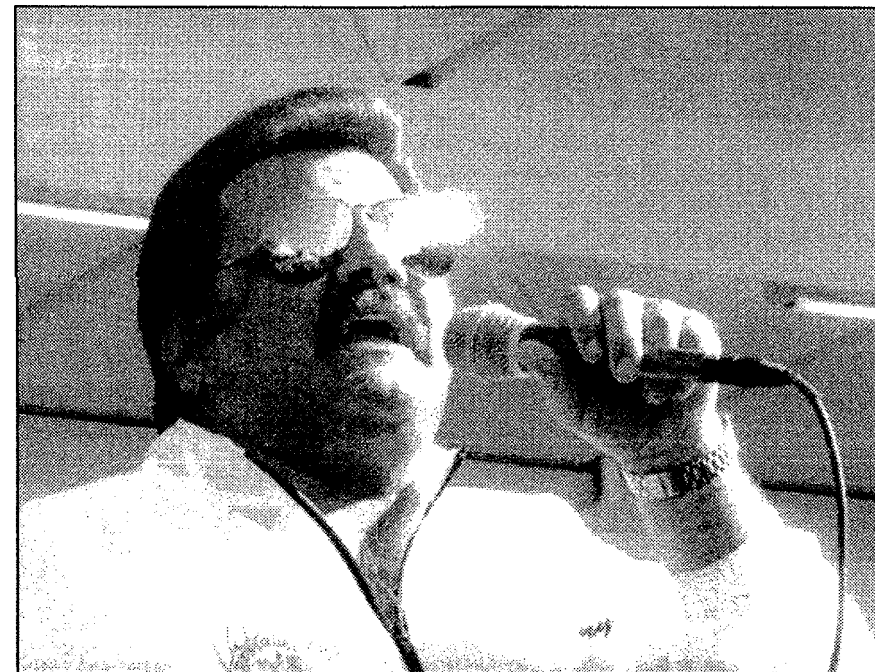


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Hot-stuff chefs cook up "Bad to the Bone" chili (top left); Carl Battishill conducts the Plymouth Community Band (top); The Lorados entertained young and old with their golden oldies (above).

Natalie Berger, of Plymouth, takes a dip in the Kellogg Park fountain (top right); Wishbone and owner Cote tied with Patches the dog and owner Jen for Best-Dressed Dog in the Optimists Pet Show.



 **FEST PHOTOS '98**



Don Licht keeps close count as Mary Brooks calls out the numbers in Friday's bingo game (above); Jill Andra Young judges JoAnne's nine-foot boa constrictor, "Curious," as the most unusual pet in the Optimists show (right); Dorothy West and Betty Boop Richter, a pair who've logged 30 years of play together, found their lucky seats before the crowd arrived for a chance at bingo bucks (below).



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thousands (literally) will visit our "little old
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Bless You,
Geneva

Dear Martha - your son-in-law sold us
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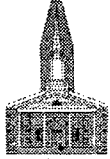
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Lisa - If you don't say "where at" your new neighbors in Georgia will never know you are from Michigan.

Dolly - you may have forgotten, but your dog left his leash on my desk. Geneva Another birthday like Allen Odell has just had and he'll never make sixty-six. A lovely dinner at the Water Club with friends from way back, hamburger roast in his Livonia Garden with his closest friends, soup for a select group at his ladies Livonia home, and dessert with other friends in their special salt-box house. However, the piece de resistance was the presence of his sister and brother-in-law, Sally and Stewart Wroe, from Maryland. They were gracious, charming, pretty (Sally), and handsome (Stewart).

All that was lacking was their dear Granddaughter, five year old Carolyn. Oh well, we can't have everything! Geneva Turn my picture to the wall, Mother. Surely I don't look like that. Anonymous
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We miss you, Lisa Lou!

Brooke Martin hears voices coming from Plymouth Orchards' cooler.

Thanks to all who helped distribute The Crier's Fall Fest edition last week. You pulled it off!

Lisa - Sorry I missed you!

I'll send you pictures of the alien if he ever gets here! Rhonda

Benny and the Jets Band (PHS Grads) Thurs., Fri. and Sat. at the Crows Nest. Canton Center north of Ford Road.

Brother Al: Wonderful Celebration! Good time had by all. Enjoyed being with Geneva, Don & Barbara, Louan, and of course Jack. Personal tour of "Allen's Alley" - Beautiful. Take care all. Sister Sal from Baltimore.

Gang - believe it or not I do miss y'all!
 Mike - Tequila & Percussion - what a headache!

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Joshua - Y'Guys wanna be with us? Huh?

Diane G: Thanks for all your extra help during Fall Fest. Sorry about leaving you off the Thank You page. We couldn't have done it without you.

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Despite Plymouth's High "A.Q.", Fall Fest partygoers had fun.

Half a bottle of wine is better than none at all, I guess.

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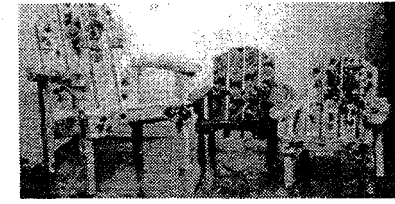
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What U of M? Go E.M.U.

CONGRATS TOM LENGA on your big day this Friday. --Sally and Ed (It's especially good that Peter is dressing up too)



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TO QUOTE JACK WILCOX: "Every year I love to see Fall Festival come and every year I love to see it go."

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VERNE D. STEELE

Verne D. Steele, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 8, 1998 at the age of 85. Mr. Steele was born Oct. 21, 1912 in South Bend, IN. He was a well known Plymouth businessman. He moved to Lansing with his parents and attended school there. He attended Ferris College and worked in Detroit as an accountant until he and his former wife, Roberta, opened a custom drapery store in Detroit. In 1952 they opened Cadillac Drapery in Plymouth. In 1977 he married Shirley Summers and in 1987 he retired. He enjoyed bowling and belonged to three leagues. For several years he organized a group of Plymouth bowlers to bowl in the Michigan State Seniors Tournament. He also delivered Meals on Wheels. He and his wife enjoyed traveling and belonged to the Nomads Club.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; son, Jerry of Plymouth; grandchildren, Grant of Boston and Shawn (Michael) Galliers of Plymouth; great-granddaughters, Brittany and Courtney Galliers of Plymouth; brothers, Robert (Millicent) Steele of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Richard (Mary) Steele of Sarasota, FL, John (Betty) Steele of Birmingham, MI; and sister, Jeannette (Chester) Cooley of Roanoke, VA.

Memorial contributions can be given to the Michigan Humane Society or Angela Hospice.

ELAINE ALBERTA ALBRITTON

Elaine Alberta Albritton, a Leesburg, FL resident, died Aug. 25, 1998 at the age of 69.

Mrs. Albritton was born March 12, 1929 in Detroit. She was an artist. She lived in Leesburg, FL for 18 years and was a former resident of Grosse Pointe, MI. She was a member of the Leesburg Artist Association, the Daughters of the

American Revolution and a member of the Union Congregational Church in Tavares, FL.

She is survived by her brother, William M. Perrett of Plymouth; and sister, Jean P. Watson of Harper Woods, MI.

Cremains will be interred in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Committal services will be officiated by the Rev. Kenneth R. Bleber. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

CARL ZIMMERMAN

Carl Zimmerman, a Canton resident, died Sept. 7, 1998 at the age of 77.

Mr. Zimmerman was born Dec. 12, 1920 in Springfield, IL. He was a parts packer for GM Diesel, retiring in 1978. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the senior clubs in Canton and Westland.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie M. Campbell Zimmerman; daughter, Norma Phillips of Canton; son, Glenn Zimmerman of Battle Creek; sister, Dolores Venable of Mt. Pleasant, MI; and brother, William (Eileen) Zimmerman of Ohio.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

GEORGE E. CROWTHER

George E. Crowther, a Brighton resident, died Sept. 9, 1998 at the age of 56.

Mr. Crowther was born Jan. 21, 1942 in Detroit. He was the manager of Tennyson Chevrolet body shop for 15 years. He was also the co-owner of Diamond Auto Sales and he worked in golf course maintenance. He came to the Plymouth community in 1941 from Detroit and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1960. He liked to fish, ride motorcycles, run powerboats and collect art.

He is survived by his daughter, Denise Allison of Algonac, MI; brothers, Charles (Julia) Crowther of Glen Arbor, MI, Joseph Crowther of New Jersey; and many nieces and nephews.

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Sports shorts

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Held in the amphitheater area of Heritage Park, the even will feature square dance calling from 6-8 p.m. and line dancing from 8-9 p.m. There is no charge for the square dance, but Canton Parks and Recreation does ask that you call ahead so they can plan for enough supplies.

There will be refreshments and giveaways throughout the evening. Everyone is encouraged to attend in their western wear.

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) has announced a partnership with Amateur Sports Network (ASN) to provide a web site with up-to-date high school sports scores and standings.

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The site is located at www.asn.net.

The **Plymouth Canton Steelers**, a youth football team, opened their season with a victory on Saturday, blanking the Ypsilanti Braves 20-0. Tony Scott, Beau Tomlinson and Brandon Wilcox each scored for the varsity team. Matt Bennett added two of three kicks PATs for the Steelers. Each PAT is worth two points.

In the JV game it came down to a decision and a kick, as the Steelers fell just short of an opening day triumph 7-6. Ypsilanti scored early and added an extra point to grab the 7-0 lead.

On the last drive of the game, the Steelers marched down the field and scored a touchdown to pull within one. Coach Dave Majewski made the decision to go for two and the victory. Unfortunately the kick was blocked and the Steelers fell short. Brandon Mancini scored the Steelers lone touchdown.

The freshman squad fell 20-6 to the Ypsilanti squad. Kyle Gerdron go the touchdown for the Steelers.

Rocks still undefeated

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

To hear Assistant Coach Kris Pinta say it, this really isn't that big of a deal.

"We were expected to do well and we are doing well," Pinta said.

Nine games into the season, and Salem still hasn't faced anybody better. At 7-0-2 (4-0 in conference), they might afford themselves a pat on the back. But this is a determined team, a focused bunch, whose goal is simple: get back to where they were last year, the state finals.

On Monday, Salem continued that quest with a stirring 4-3 victory at Churchill.

The game came down to inches and seconds as the Rocks scored the winner with less than one minute to play. Churchill's goalie actually stopped the goal, but two inches too late, as the ball crossed the plane of the net.

Salem drops Canton at Hilltop

BOYS GOLF

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The assault on the record books continues.

Both Salem and Canton recorded some of the best-ever scores at Hilltop last Wednesday in a dual-match that shouldn't have had a loser. When the totals were finally tallied, Salem was crowned victorious, squeaking by with only two strokes to spare, 195-197.

"It came right down to the last group," said Salem Coach Rick Wilson. "We knew it was going to be close."

Eric Kruger and Mark Doughty led the way for Salem, shooting 36 and 37 respectively. Matt Rosol (38) and Jon Johnson (39) were tops for Canton.

Salem played another close match-up Friday, only this time they were one stroke too high, losing to Walled Lake Central, 197-198.

James McCaffery, playing in his first varsity match, shot a one-over-par 37 to lead the Rocks.

At the 18-hole Adrian Tournament on Monday, Salem faced several of the top teams in the state, placing seventh out of 18 teams. Wilson said he and his crew were a little disappointed with the results.

"By their own admission, they didn't play well," he said.

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"The head referee wasn't going to call it a goal. He thought the goalie had stopped it" said Pinta. "But the lineswomen overturned him. It was a tough call to make."

The goal was scored by Joe Ianni, his second of the game. Scott Duhl and Dan Wielechowski also netted scores.

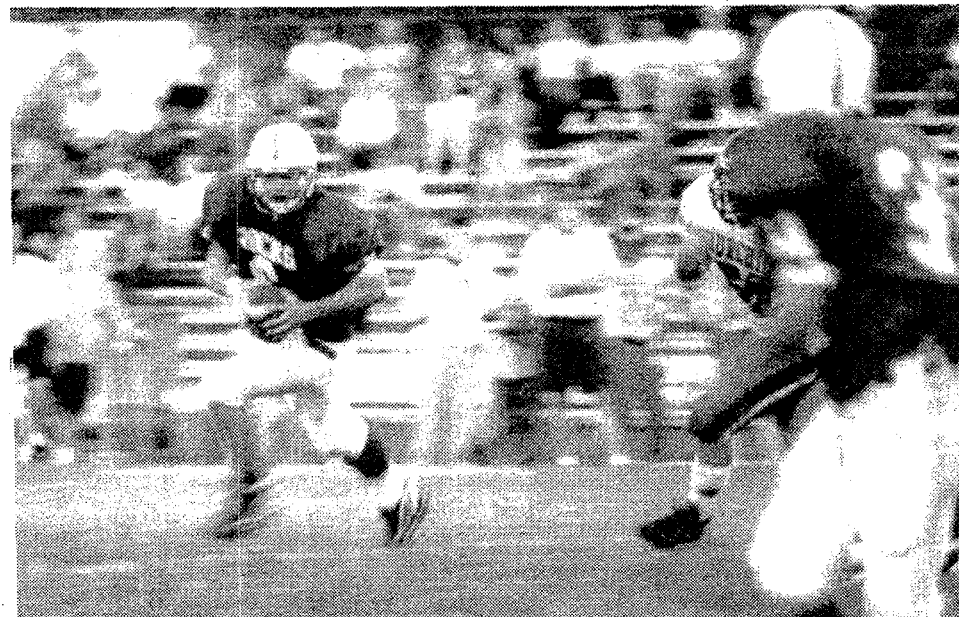
"We really dominated the second half," Pinta said. "It was played almost entirely in their half of the field."

Salem dominated both halves on Wednesday, blanking Farmington 7-0.

At one point, the field sprinklers shot on, but even that couldn't cool down the fiery Rocks.

Ianni, Wielechowski, Duhl, Chris Price, Jeff Harr, Nick Tochman, Aaron Rypkowski and Dan Weillew each scored a goal for Salem.

The week ahead will feature a pair of tough tests for the Rocks. After Walled Lake Western at home today, Salem heads to Troy on Friday and Stevenson on Monday.



Salem quarterback Gabe Coble rolls away from a Churchill defender Friday night at home. Coble was a major part of the Salem dominating rushing attack that led to the 33-7 victory (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin).

33-7

Same score, different result for Canton, Salem

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Thank goodness for Churchill.

Last Friday they allowed Salem to run up the score and the yardage for their first victory of the season.

This Friday, they may supply Tim Baechler with his first victory as Canton's head coach.

Canton should be hungry enough. After falling to a strong John Glenn team 33-7. It might have been closer if not for Reggie Spearman. The Rocket running back scampered all over his home field Friday, racking up over 200 yards and averaging nearly

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20 yards per carry.

Facing Churchill Friday, a team whose record in the 90s falls about 30 wins short of average, Canton needs to gain some confidence. They need to win and win well, with few mistakes and solid defense.

Salem on the other hand stays home for Stevenson. If they can keep their rushing game as strong as it was Friday — almost 400 yards on the ground — they should be running for their second win in a row.

An entertaining season ahead

Whalers eye West Division title and OHL Championship; first game away Sept. 24

BY PETE KRUPSKY

The Plymouth Whalers' opening preseason game September 6 in Windsor prompted a couple of questions:

Are the Plymouth Whalers really that good? Are the Windsor Spitfires really that bad?

The Whalers dominated from start to finish in hammering Windsor, 8-4.

Plymouth — playing without regulars Harold Druken, Dave Legwand, Scott Holsinger, Eric Gooldy, Paul Mara and Adam Colagiaco — led 3-0 after 20 minutes, 6-1 after two periods. Plymouth received two goals apiece from Randy Fitzgerald and Rick Smith, singles from Shaun Fisher, Kris Purdy and rookies Justin Williams and Damian Surma.

Windsor — playing with most of their regulars in the lineup — looked dazed and confused much of the steamy afternoon.

Yes, the Spits are that bad. So much so that rumors are already flying that Windsor general manager/head coach Tony Curtale is in trouble.

And despite the reality that Plymouth could skate this season without Legwand and Mara — the Whalers scouting staff has come up with some rookies who look like they can step in and contribute right away. The Whalers should battle Sarnia and London in the top of the OHL West Division.

Coach Pete DeBoer was asked if he instructed his scouts to come up with players that met specific needs:

"Our scouts have done a fantastic job with this year's draft class," DeBoer said. "It looks like we're going to add seven or eight kids who can play out of a draft that was supposed to be a weak year."

"We want kids that obviously have good character," he added. "Plymouth's a place where we can't afford to bring in kids who don't appreciate the school (Plymouth Community Christian) and the surrounding community. As far as hockey goes, we want kids to compete. I think every kid (we selected) from top to bottom is a kid that comes in night in and night out and competes."

With Colagiaco (San Jose), Mara (Tampa Bay), Gooldy (Toronto), Druken (Vancouver), Legwand and Jamie Lalonde (Nashville), Tomek Valtonen (Detroit), Maxim Linnick (St. Louis) and Fitzgerald, Holsinger, Kevin Holdridge and Troy Smith (Carolina) all away at their respective National Hockey League training camps, Whalers rookies will carry the load for much of the preseason.

Relax. These kids will be all right.

A preview of the 1998 Whalers by position, each followed by coaches comments:

GOALTENDING

Scott Holsinger is the lone holdover from last season. He has worked hard all summer — so much so he earned an invitation to Carolina's training camp. Fourth round pick



It was a good weekend for the Plymouth Whalers. After a successful fund-raising golf tournament Friday afternoon, the Whalers came out to sign autographs at this weekend's Fall Festival. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Dwayne Bateman is a big goaltender who covers a lot of net. Fifth round pick Rob Zepp is a smaller, reflex-type goaltender who impressed the coaching staff.

DeBoer: "I think we've got some depth there. We used two pretty high draft picks on two goaltenders in Bateman and Zepp and you add Holsinger to the mix and we've got some depth at the position. Bateman, Zepp and Scott Holsinger have been fantastic in our training camp. I haven't had a training camp with this much skill where the scores are 5-4 and 4-3 — primarily due to the goaltending. So we're pretty ecstatic."

Associate coach Steve Spott: "Holsy came in great shape and we look to him to be our starter out of the gate. We had a chance to watch

Rob Zepp in a preseason game with our (North American Hockey League Compuware Ambassadors) Tier II team and he stopped 29 shots and was the game's second star. Dwayne Bateman was great last year in Trenton (Ont.) in leading them to a division final. It's a battle — a healthy competition between the three of them. I think we're in pretty good shape this year."

Outlook: With so many teams in the OHL (Kitchener, Windsor, Peterborough, Oshawa, Belleville and Sudbury) having major questions in goal, the Whalers have three netminders who can play. Plymouth's goaltending situation could be far worse. Like last year,

expect the Whalers to play good team defense to help out. Holsinger is penciled in as the starter. DeBoer may well use the first 20 games of the regular season to sort this situation out.

DEFENSE

Holdridge, Fisher, Troy Smith and Nik Tselios are the holdovers. The rookies include 3rd round pick Jared Newman (Lincoln Park), 9th round pick Andre Robichaud and free agent Max Linnick. Whaler fans who miss Luc Rioux will like Robichaud, who plays a similar style of game as a stay-at-home, steady defenseman that makes good decisions. Newman competes hard and may develop eventually into a good puck carrier. Linnick is a big, strong defenseman who skates well.

DeBoer: "(Newman's) not flashy, but Jared's very smart with the puck. He's very composed for someone so young. Robichaud makes real good decisions. Andre's game is to keep it simple and makes the right play all the time."

Spott: "Linnick has great skills and there's a good framework for us to work with. It's going to be a good experience for him to go to St. Louis' camp. You're talking about a 6-foot-4 defenseman who's got good offensive skills and skates real well. Newman's kind of a Troy Smith clone. Smitty's the type of guy who keeps things pretty safe out there and I think Jared's the same way. He's a big,

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strong kid, but people have to realize he's only 15-years-old and it's going to take time for him to get his feet wet at this level."

Outlook: It would be great if Mara comes back. But again, the Whalers' situation is better than most around the OHL. If Mara doesn't come back — and the Whalers are in the thick of the OHL West Division hunt — expect DeBoer to add at least one more veteran defenseman by the league's final trading deadline.

UP FRONT

The best line in training camp was Legwand skating between Colagiaco and Rick Smith. If Legwand comes back from Nashville, they may one of the top offensive lines in the OHL. The Whalers should be all right even if Legwand doesn't come back.

With Legwand, the Whalers have the best centers in the OHL. Without Legwand, Druken, Julian Smith, Kris Vernarsky and Rick Smith are still better than most. You can add rookie centerman Damian Surma to the mix at center as well. The Whalers have found a real diamond in the rough in Surma. Colagiaco has come to camp determined to make the San Jose Sharks sign him to a pro contract at the end of the year.

Rookies Kyle Chapman, Tomek Valtonen and Justin Williams will be at home in the OHL West. Williams added a goal with three assists in the victory in Windsor. Expect Randy Fitzgerald, Rick Smith, Jamie Lalonde, Kris Purdy and Gooldy to score more this year. Rookies James Ramsey and Lee Sprague join Lalonde as certified tough guys who will dance with the opposition anytime, anyplace.

DeBoer: "Colagiaco came in with the reputation of being out of shape, but came in and was the best-conditioned athlete in camp. Williams has been a real pleasant surprise — a 6th round draft pick that scored a lot in Jr.C last year. Making the big jump to our league is a bit of an unknown. Justin's scored in every game he's played for us and I think he'll fit in nicely. For a kid that just turned 16-years-old — and one of the youngest in the league — Kris Vernarsky's very composed, very patient with the puck. And he's got a little bit of an edge to him. He's going to end up being 6-foot-4 and 200 pounds by the time he's done playing. He's going to be a real force to be reckoned with."

Spott: "I think Kris Vernarsky may be one of those kids who we'll only see here a couple of years. He has all the makings of being a great hockey player — he's big, he's strong, he's tough, he has great offensive skills, which compliment his defensive game as

Our scouts have done a fantastic job with this year's draft class.

— Peter DeBoer
Whalers Coach

Canton still searching for right chemistry

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Coach Barb Hanosh knows she needs some kind of magic elixir to get things going. A little dash of motivation here, a pinch of constructive criticism there and a big spoon to mix it all up.

So far, nothing else seems to have worked. After three matches this season, the Canton girls tennis team is still winless, grabbing only one individual victory.

"It doesn't seem to be working out too well these days," said Hanosh.

Monday was the latest debacle. Walled Lake Central came to Canton and dominated the Chiefs, scoring an 8-0 victory. Coming on the heels of another shutout versus Salem on Thursday, Canton was desperately searching for some measure of confidence. They found none.

Canton also lost in their first match last Wednesday versus Churchill, 7-1. Number

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one singles Liz Elsner was the only player to capture victory.

Hanosh said she had changed several of the doubles pairings for Monday's match-up. And while they seemed to compete a little better, they were still soundly defeated by their Walled Lake counterparts.

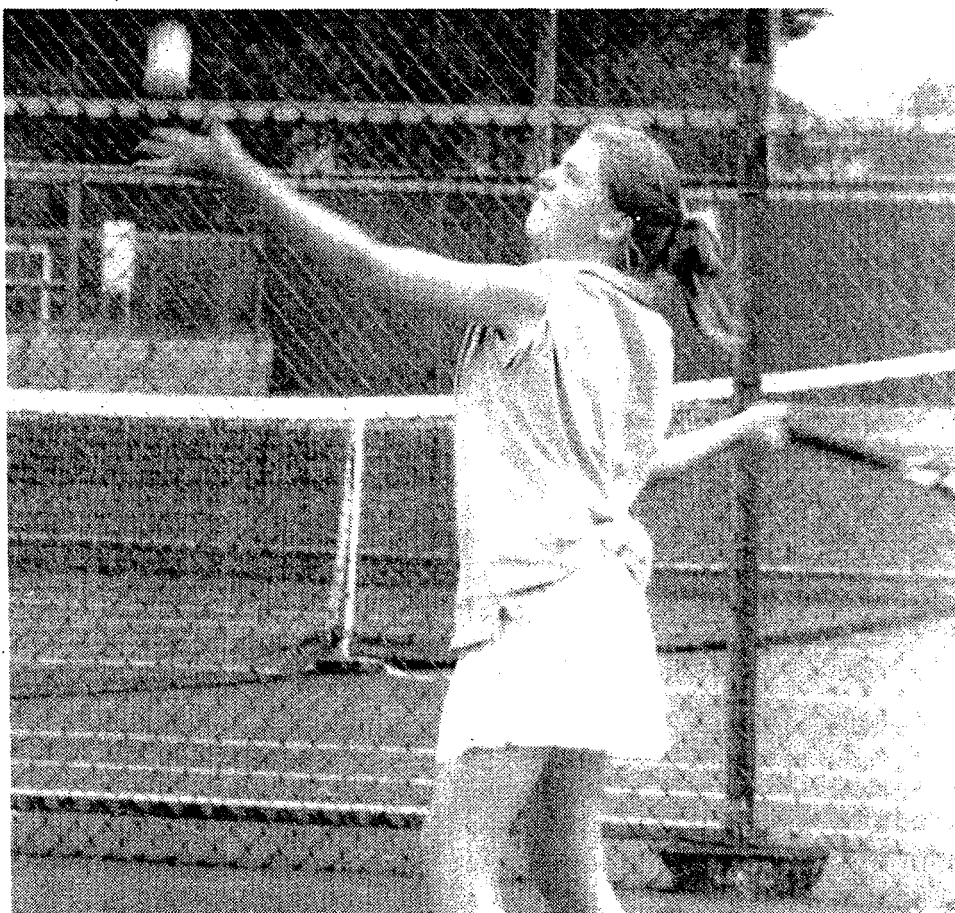
"I might change the double pairings again if I need to," Hanosh said.

But, Hanosh said, the team is getting along very well despite the defeats.

"That's really the most important thing," she said. "We do have a lot of fun, but it sure would be nice to get a couple of wins."

Hanosh said she hasn't quite put her finger on the root of her team's problems.

"It might be mental," she said. "Maybe they just need to learn to win."



Lisa Niemiec, half of Canton's number one doubles team, hopes this serve will start a comeback for her needy Chiefs. Unfortunately, the serve, like Canton's season, did not find its mark (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

Whalers showcase rookies, toughness at Can-Am tourney

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Three seconds into the Sunday afternoon Can-Am Tournament championship game, most of the select Whaler fans scattered through Compuware Sports Arena were asking the same thing:

Who is James Ramsey?

The rookie forward had just knocked unconscious, with one left jab, rookie Windsor forward Joey Soewell. The game was stopped for 15 minutes as Soewell was carted off on a stretcher and taken to a nearby hospital. He was released later that day without any major injuries.

It was the first of many scrapes between the Spitfires and Whalers Sunday afternoon. The game eventually ended in an overtime shoot-out victory for Windsor, but that really didn't matter to the Whaler coaching staff. They had seen what they hoped to see over the weekend.

Their highly-touted rookies were ready

to play and their team was ready to fight.

Less than two weeks from the season opener, the Whalers were sharp and scrappy going 1-1 in the tournament (they defeated Team USA of Ann Arbor Saturday, 4-0).

Ramsey, Justin Williams, Andre Robichaud and first-round pick Kris Vernarsky all played well for the Whalers. And the two rookie goaltenders, Dwayne Bateman and Rob Zebb, combined to shutout Team USA.

"It was a good chance for some of the rookies to play in situations like a power-play where they won't be able to play during the regular season," said Whalers Coach Pete DeBoer. "I have been very pleased with the rookies to date."

The Whalers were playing without most of their star players, including David Legwand and Paul Mara, who are out at their respective NHL camps until early October.

The season ahead

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well. He plays a mean game. Valtonen has been compared to Esa Tikkanen and I can see why — three guys came out of training camp with stitches, compliments of Tommy. He plays a gritty game and he's got good offensive skills — he led our camp in scoring."

Outlook: There are many OHL teams with far more problems. Whalers should be near the top of the OHL West, espe-

cially if Legwand returns. Even if he doesn't, this will be a very competitive team.

TRAINING CAMP CUTS

Free agents Don Evon, Rob Globke, Todd Myers and Rob Brown; draft choices Ashton Spencer (13th round), Jonathan Hutchinson (14), Mark Anderson (17), Steve Jackson (18) and James Crank (19). Goaltender Brandon Sacco was not invited to camp and Mike Smith (12) decided not to report.

On deck

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Thursday at home versus Howell, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at home versus Ann Arbor Huron, 5:30 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS TENNIS

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Thursday at home versus Canton, 7 p.m. Tuesday at home versus Dearborn, 7 p.m.

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Today at home versus Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m. Saturday at Troy, 1 p.m. Monday at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

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Thursday at North Farmington, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at home versus Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS TENNIS

Today at Walled Lake Central, 4 p.m. Friday at home versus Stevenson, 4 p.m. Saturday at the Warren Mott Invite, time: TBA. Monday at Northville, 4 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday at Salem, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Saline, 6:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday at home versus Harrison, 4 p.m. Saturday at the Ludington Invite, 9:45 p.m.

CANTON FOOTBALL

Friday at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.

CANTON BOYS SOCCER

Today at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Monday at home versus Novi, 7 p.m.

CANTON BOYS GOLF

Today at home versus Stevenson, 3 p.m. Friday at Northville versus Farmington, Salem and Northville, 3 p.m.

CANTON BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday at home versus Harrison, 4 p.m. Saturday at the Ludington Invite, 9:45 a.m.



Community opinions

The Wilcox project:

'Love for his city is obvious'

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was originally addressed to members of Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority Board.

The purpose of this memo is to clarify information related to the Wilcox development project, in light of a critical letter which appeared in the Sept. 9 issue of The Community Crier. I have been included in the development process as a representative for the City, on the basis of which I am providing this information.

For several years, Jack Wilcox has worked closely with City government as he has tried to develop his property. In the process, he has asked for the advice of City officials regarding the nature of various proposed developments, and has kept the City informed about their status. Wilcox pursued the last development proposal aggressively, and failed for reasons beyond his control, and at some financial expense to him personally.

During the past several months, Wilcox has been negotiating a development agreement with John Vincenti (Tri-Mount Development) and has continuously kept the City government informed about the process. Vincenti has also included the City in the process and it is evident to me that both parties are making a sincere effort to complete an agreement. Since these are private party negotiations, many of the details have not yet been made public. However, the agreement appears to be very near to completion, based on the information which both parties have shared with the City

on an on-going basis.

As a side issue to the development agreement, Mr. Wilcox has recently offered to donate his house to the City without any strings or conditions, if the City wants to accept it. He knows that many citizens value the history and architecture of the structure, and he cares enough about his community to make such an offer. The City is currently evaluating the practicality of relocating the house and renovating it for potential non-residential uses. The evaluation of the offer will be presented to the City Commission for public consideration in the near future. Regardless of whether it turns

out to be feasible for the City to accept and use the structure, Mr. Wilcox's offer is appreciated as a civic-minded gesture.

Finally, it should be noted that Wilcox has been generous in allowing his property to be used often for event overflow parking, event activities and construction project staging whenever the community has needed it. Mr. Wilcox's love



Rotarians have a break and a beer in a tent set up at Jack Wilcox's property after they cooked Fall Fest chickens (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

for his city and dedication as a citizen is obvious from his service on City boards and his contributions to civic events. It would also be obvious to anyone who was privy to his property development negotiations.

STEVEN WALTERS

City Manager, Plymouth

Ask the forefathers: City progress is OK

It was midnight, the moon was full and the nip of September was in the air. I finished my cup of hot chocolate on the Coffee Studio's patio and started my walk home. The night was so pretty that I sat up on the brick wall in front of the Wilcox House, listening to the soothing sound of the Kellogg Park fountain and watching the moon.

"Phil used to look across the street like that."

The soft voice surprised me. I looked to my left and saw a thin young woman, white from head to toe, sitting on the wall next to me. I figured she could use a little sun.

"I'm Buford," I said by way of introduction.

"Blanche Markham," she replied. "This used to be my house. My husband Phil made a fortune in air rifles. This house was ours. He build one for his wife across the street. Sometimes he'd stand on the porch, looking across."

"Didn't that bother you," I asked.

"Not as much as him telling me how he got the idea for his air rifle in a dream. I swore, if I heard it one more time..."

Just then, two men in white appeared in

front of us. "We missed you tonight, Blanche," one of them said. She introduced me to John Kellogg and Ebenezer (E.J.) Penniman and said "We were just admiring the view. Something we won't be able to do much longer."

"Times change, my dear," Kellogg said. "Development made Plymouth what it is today."

"But we used to have goldfish in our pond and deer in the yard," she said wistfully.

"I have to admit," Penniman said, "the deer were much nicer than Czar Penney's cows roaming the corner lot where the Mayflower is now. It shows you what a good thing progress is."

I could not argue with that. A cow pasture downtown would give a whole different, um, atmosphere to Art in the Park.

"A downtown is no place for wild animals," Kellogg said. "The state won't allow deer as pets and the City has its ordinances to control other wild creatures downtown, like dogs and itinerant jugglers."

"Our friend here lives in Plymouth Township, I'll wager," Penniman said nodding at me. I nodded back. E.J. smiled.

"1827. I remember it well. The Township ordinance allowing pigs to roam the streets."

We need more forward-thinking politicians like him, I thought.

"But why can't they just leave some things alone," Blanche asked. "There's not much left from the old days, E.J. Your house, my house, Phil's factory." She shook her head. "One way we learn and appreciate history is by being able to see places and things the way they really were. Move the house, fill the lot, the history is gone forever."

"Nonsense," declared Kellogg. "Change is good. Look at how nice our community is. That's what we wanted. A beautiful, safe and economically sound community."

Penniman looked at Kellogg. "Do you remember when developers donated buildings to the public in our day? We made all the changes and handed over the keys when the building was ready to occupy. If I still had some say in this town, I would have the developers pay the cost of renovating this house for public use. The land is either that valuable or it's not."

"You always were a shrewd one, E.J."

From the pen of
Buford B. Pig
a.k.a. Russ Franzen

"But enough politics! Let's go splash some cold water on those kids osculating by the fountain!"

"No, let's go scare the bejeebers out of the night clerk at the Mayflower. That's always good for a few laughs. You coming Blanche?"

"No, I think I'll stay and enjoy this while I can," she said, looking away.

The men floated away and disappeared. Blanche turned and wafted over the fence. The yard changed suddenly. I watched for a moment, then walked away as she glided through the moonlight past the pond and toward the three deer feeding on the grass.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Crier occasionally receives dispatches from BUFORD B. PIG, a local expert on history known to hallucinate after too much hot chocolate.



Community opinions

No fruits for Fest labor?

EDITOR:

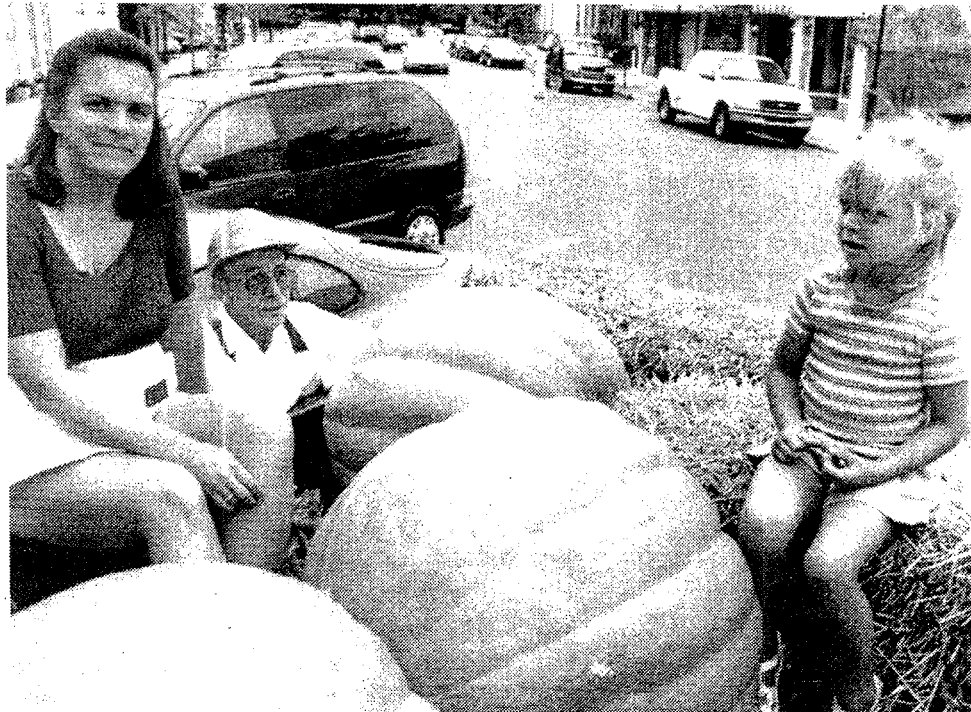
My letter is in regard to the deletion of the produce at the Fall Festival. What a disappointment to myself and my children, ages 4, 6 and 8, who were ready to deliver our vegetables and flowers. I always thought that this is what Fall Fest was all about.

I grew up in Plymouth and have remained here to raise my family. I understand Plymouth and Canton's farming is dwindling because of homes and businesses, but for us little farmers who still believe in a true festival, the decision was upsetting.

My son Andrew has been helping Jay Richards, a farmer who lives directly behind our house. Richards has been farming for 30 years. When Jay had a heart attack this past spring my son went to help as much as he could. We were going to bring some giant pumpkins to the festival that my son helped plant.

If there is to be no more vegetables, flower arrangements or canned fruits, the Fall Festival should go through a name change and call it the Fall Carnival.

NANCY O'CALLAGHAN
& JAY RICHARDS.



Nancy O'Callaghan and her daughter Lydia sit amongst Jay Richards pumpkins, which have won blue ribbons in past Fall Fest produce competitions. The three neighbors were disappointed to find that no such contests were held at this year's Fall Festival, the first in 43 years to be without them (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

Festive suggestions for '99

The 43rd Fall Festival is history: and history will record it as one with the best planning, weather and the smoothest running.

Addition of the second stage made sense (but why not Sunday when the Rotarians' longest-ever line would have enjoyed the performances) and the growing focus on the car show is superb all-ages fun.

Entertainment was one of the best-ever line ups with a good showing of local talent.

Meals and refreshments were tremendous — the Kiwanis pancakes (but sell coffee and donuts in line), the Rotary chicken, the Vietnam Veterans' corn, the Polish Dancers' platter, the Nativity Church's shishkabob and the Canton Tennis Boosters' lemonade.

But Fall Fest has an encroaching danger. It must keep the commercial look and feel to a dull roar.

For example, the new car display wasn't out of line, the pool-sunroom exhibit on Main Street was too overt. Would the Fall Fest rent space to a commercial booth selling sweaters on Main Street in front of a men's store? (The Ice Fest rudely did.) Certainly the Fall Fest must raise operating funds too, but a less overt approach would be better. (How about a money-raising beer tent?)

In an extreme change from the Fall Fest policy on "no commercial activity" in years past, the pool-sunroom sales signs all over

Kellogg Park were extremely inappropriate — however much the Festival was paid.

Remember, the purpose of the Fest is for local non-profits to raise funds, provide a bit of exposure for them and to pitch in to work together to show off The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Changing the Fest layout may have contributed to less traffic at the food booths of the Polish Dancers and the Nativity Church. But then, the Rotarians didn't sell out of chicken either, despite their line. Maybe a lot of would-be Festies went instead to home football games — UofM (?), MSU (!), or the Detroit Lions (?@*!).

More Fall Fest ideas:

- Split kiddie rides and booths between Ann Arbor Trail-Main and Penniman Avenue.

- Re-arrange booths order if kiddie rides are kept together in either location.

- Add a third stage or entertainment venue down Penniman Ave toward Harvey Street.

- Add an hour more for the Chili Cook-off. The cooks can't get in earlier because of Kiwanis pancakes, but the Rotary could wait one more hour to get under way with set up in The Gathering. This can be a growing part of Fall Fest.

- If booths-items sold by non-profit groups are using pre-made booths, kitchens, etc.

more should be done to decorate the booth with signs for the non-profit (do not make it look like a national franchised pizza festival).

- Keep adding more local entertainment.
- Encourage the car (and motorcycle) show to grow.

- More use of Main Street between Penniman and Church should be planned. While it may be inconvenient for those businesses, it's no different than for other downtown businesses during festivals. And the increased traffic between the PCAC Art Show and the Festival will benefit everyone.

- Bring back the fire departments' water ball contest. The empty Penniman Avenue would have added a big crowd on Saturday.

- Co-ordinate better with businesses downtown. One business that complained last year on Penniman Avenue moved to a lonely mall location where he'll never stop wishing there was a pony ride in front of his store. Other businesses suffered because of his complaint. The business that replaced him added a bit of its own music this year.

These improvements could make the 44th Fall Festival even more memorable. The Fest Board worked harder this past year and with a continued dedication and these changes, next Sept. 10, 11 and 12 should be wonderful.

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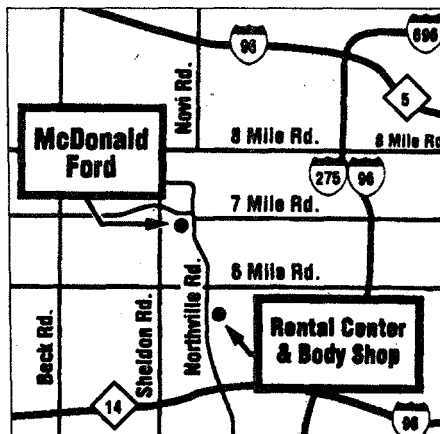
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<u>Friday, September 18th</u>		<u>Saturday, September 19th, continued</u>		<u>Sunday, September 20th, continued</u>	
<u>9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.</u>					
9:30-12:00	Northville Public Schools Family Entertainment Public Invited	12:30	Joe Chasney, Magician/BS	11:00	Box Lunch Auction/BS
5:00-9:00	Pony Rides	1:00-3:00	Dixieland Band/Traditions	11:00	Joe Chasney, Magician/MSC
	Antique Photo Booth	1:00-4:00	Mill Race Village Open	11:00	Jonathon Park, Juggler/CS
	Kid's Korner	1:00-4:00	Mary Ellen Clark Storyteller/ Marquis Theatre	11:30	Jasen Magic, Magician/CS
	Non-Profit Booths	1:00-4:00	Barbershop Quartet/Street Entertainment	11:30	Punch & Judy/Main & Hutton St.
	Antique Show	1:00-5:00	Strolling Minstral/Street Entertainment	12:00-5:00	Horse & Carriage Rides/ Main & Wing
5:45	Joe Chasney & Jasen Magic, Magicians/CS	1:00	Timco Magic/Street Entertainment	12:00	Hip Squeak Puppets/SS
6:30	Victorian Parade	1:00	Geri's Jamboree/CS	12:00	Krakat & Kellerman, Jugglers/MSC
7:30	Jasen Magic, Magician/Orin Jewelers	1:30-3:00	Punch & Judy/Salutations	12:30	Rick's Puppets/Wing & Main
7:30	Roscoe The Clown/BS	1:30	Motor City Brass Band/BS	1:00-3:00	Dixieland Band/Genitti's
7:30	Dr. Rudy/Dunlap & Center St.	1:30	Rick's Puppets/Wing & Main St.	1:00-4:00	Mill Race Village Open
7:45	Joe Chasney, Magician/CS	1:30	Jonathon Park, Juggler/CS		1-3:00: Kids Games
7:45	Punch & Judy/BS	1:30	Krakat & Kellerman, Jugglers/MSC		2:00: Hat Contest
8:15	Punch & Judy/CS	2:00	Hip Squeak Puppets/SS		3:00: Duck Race
	<u>Saturday, September 19th</u>	2:00	Victorian Tea/Presbyterian Church	1:00-4:00	Mary Ellen Clark Storyteller/ Marquis Theater
	<u>8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</u>	2:30	Joe Chasney, Magician/CS		Strolling Minstral/Street Entertainment
8:30	Festival Fitness Walk	3:00	Punch & Judy/Salutations	1:00-4:00	Barbershop Quartet/Street Entertainment
10:00-4:00	Victorian Home Tour	3:00	Krakat & Kellerman, Jugglers/MSC	1:00-5:00	Timco Magic/Street Entertainment
10:00-6:00	Fine Art Market	3:30-5:00	Rick's Puppets/Wing & Main	1:00	Geri's Jamboree/CS
11:00-2:00	Children's Old Fashioned Games	3:30	Straw Hat Band/BS	1:00	Punch & Judy/Main & Hutton St.
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	11:30: Marbles/N. Ville Jewelers	4:00	Victorian Tea/Presbyterian Church	1:30	Jonathon Park, Juggler/CS
	12:00: Bubble Gum Blowing /Traditions	4:00	Jonathon Park, Juggler/CS	2:00	Hip Squeak Puppets/SS
	12:30: Top Spinning/Ultimate Toys	4:00	Hip Squeak Puppets/SS	2:00	Joe Chasney, Magician/CS
	1:00: Hoop Rolling/Main & Center	4:30	Punch & Judy/Salutations	2:00	Krakat & Kellerman, Jugglers/MSC
	1:30: Pie Eating Contest/SS	4:30	Jasen Magic, Magician/CS	2:30	Punch & Judy/Main & Hutton St.
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