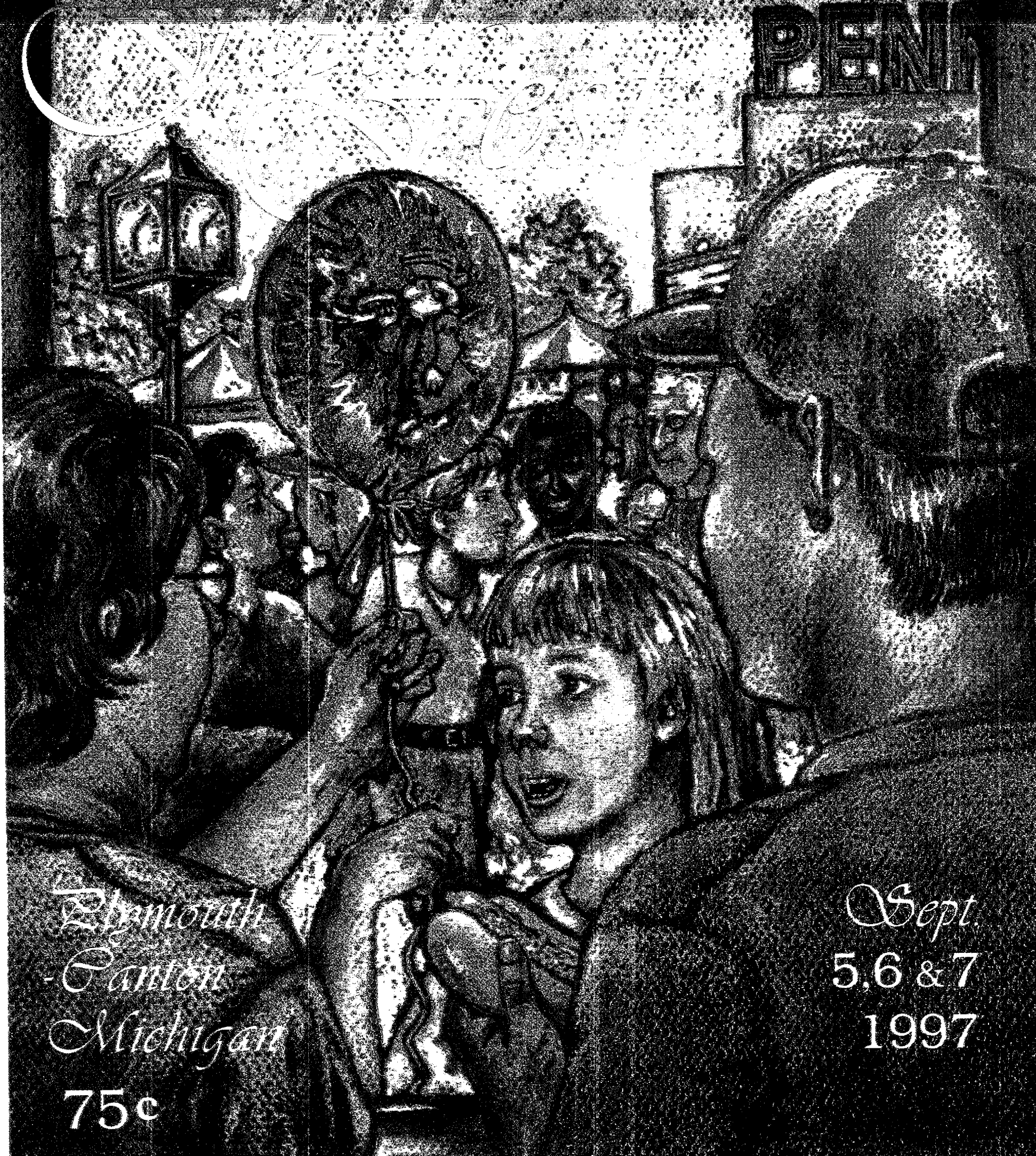


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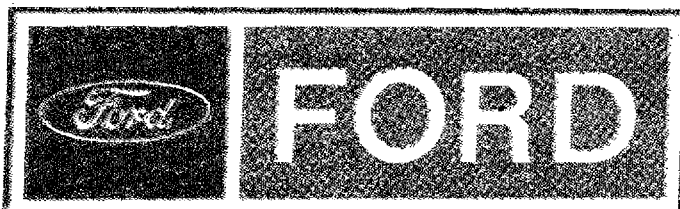
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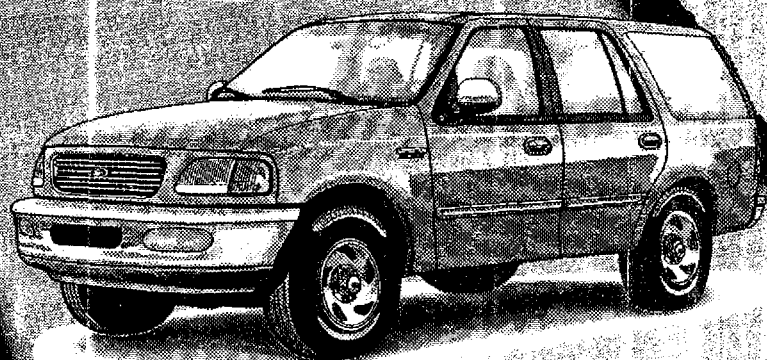


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It must be time for the Fall Festival.

This marks the 42nd year the community has gathered to celebrate their fortunes and raise funds for good causes and have some fun.

The streetscape has helped revitalize the Downtown Plymouth Business Community, and the Festival is riding the enthusiasm.

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

Hungry festival goers will find a broad spectrum of food to choose from. Don't forget the Kiwanis pancake breakfast, which has become a festival mainstay, or the Rotary chicken barbecue, from which the original festival evolved.

This year's entertainment is of stellar caliber, with many local acts performing. Every type of music can be found at some time one of the festival's two stages. Country



Kellogg Park's Fountain will look very different for next year's Fall Festival

western, big band, rock and roll bands will take turns headlining on the main stage.

The festival also has contests and exhibits, from the Trailwood Garden Club's garden faces to the

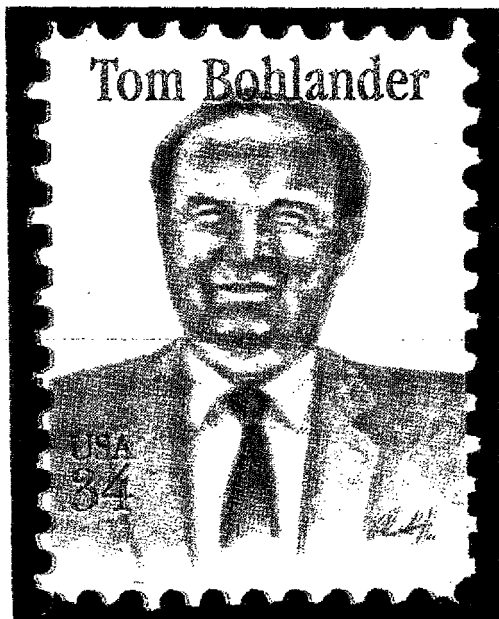
It's been a community tradition for 42 years.

autoshow on Sunday — featuring a rare Tucker automobile — to bingo, dunk tanks and pitching booths, the Fall Festival has entertainment lined up to please every age and appetite.

The Fall Festival is more than just a chance to eat in the street. It's a time when everyone can come together, celebrate the vibrant community and give money for good causes. It's a time to meet new neighbors and reminisce with old friends. It's a time to show off the city and the people who live and work there.

So get out and enjoy the Festival. Buy some food, drink some lemonade, and make some friends.

THE CRIER'S SALUTE TO INDUSTRY & COMMERCE TOP BUSINESS LEADERS IN PLYMOUTH-CANTON-NORTHVILLE



The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community has a strong, diverse economic base.

Profiled in this section are the businesses that make the community strong and the people behind the businesses.

These are people that left their mark in our community and planted firm business roots that helped cultivate P-C-N's vibrant industry base.

Inside are the big players, the megadevelopers, and the traditional small businesspeople that make P-C-N such a diverse business community.

Take a look at the people who built Plymouth, Canton and Northville into one of the Midwest's hot business districts.

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Long-time P-C schools leader, resident, dies at 73

Hoben remembered



BY BRYON MARTIN

Plymouth-Canton Schools and members of the community at large are mourning the loss of former superintendent John Michael Hoben, who was found dead in his home last Monday, age 73.

According to Robert Smith, acting Chief of Plymouth Township Police, the cause of death appears to be natural.

Hoben, who spent 39 years as a district employee, began his career in P-C schools as a teacher in 1955. He served with the Marine Corps in both World War II and the Korean War, and held a degree in mathematics. Those who knew him say his training, experience and size built a powerful presence represented by an impressive career as head coach of the Plymouth High School football team.

His time spent as a counselor, and later as principal at PHS represented another side of Hoben, one that was generous, thoughtful and quick to help others.

Hoben was named superintendent in 1972 after a four-month stint as assistant superintendent. Conflicts between administration and the district's teachers and staff began to dissipate following his appointment. He worked in the schools' chief office until his retirement in June, 1994.

He was known by many of his peers and co-workers as one of the preeminent authorities on the educational applications of technology. As chairman of the House Education and Appropriations committee, Former senator Carl Pursell often relied on Hoben's ken of technology and education, and he brought the superintendent to congress a number of times to speak on such issues.

Hoben was one of the strongest forces behind the push to bring the Dynacom system to the schools. The system is a fiberoptic multimedia link that joins all schools in the district with computer, audio and video connections. Any event at any P-C school can be simulcast to all other P-C schools. Hoben believed in technology's power to improve education; there are many who believed in him and his vision.

After retiring from the schools Hoben took a consulting position with Dynacom Information Systems, makers of the schools' fiberoptic network. His relationship with the schools continued with a position on the Educational Excellence Foundation

He was also very active in Plymouth Rotary, the organization credited with giving the

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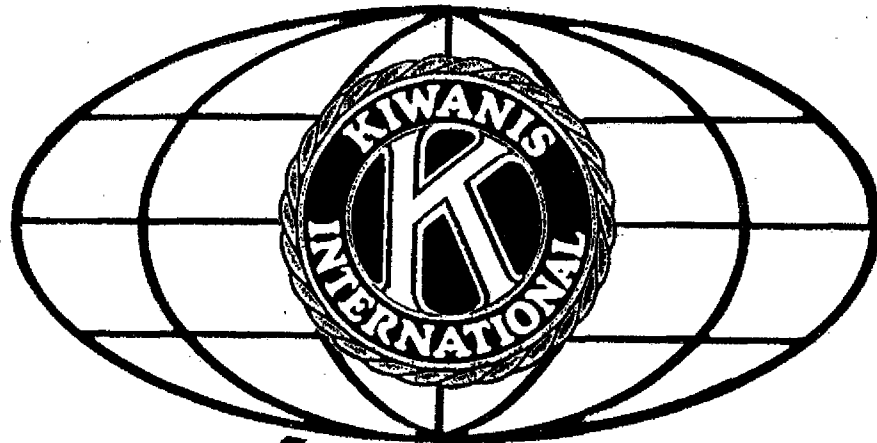
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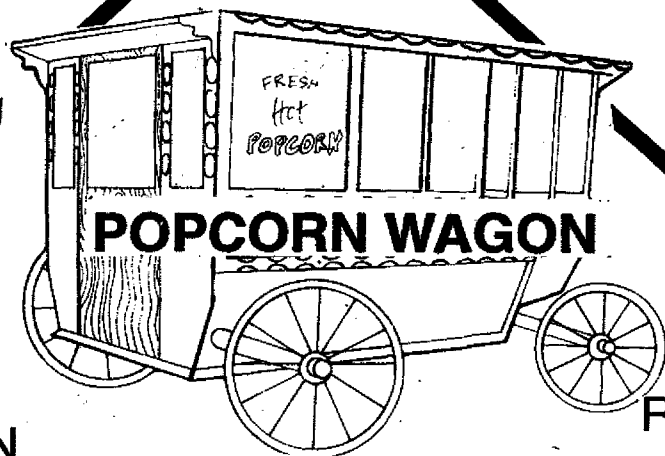
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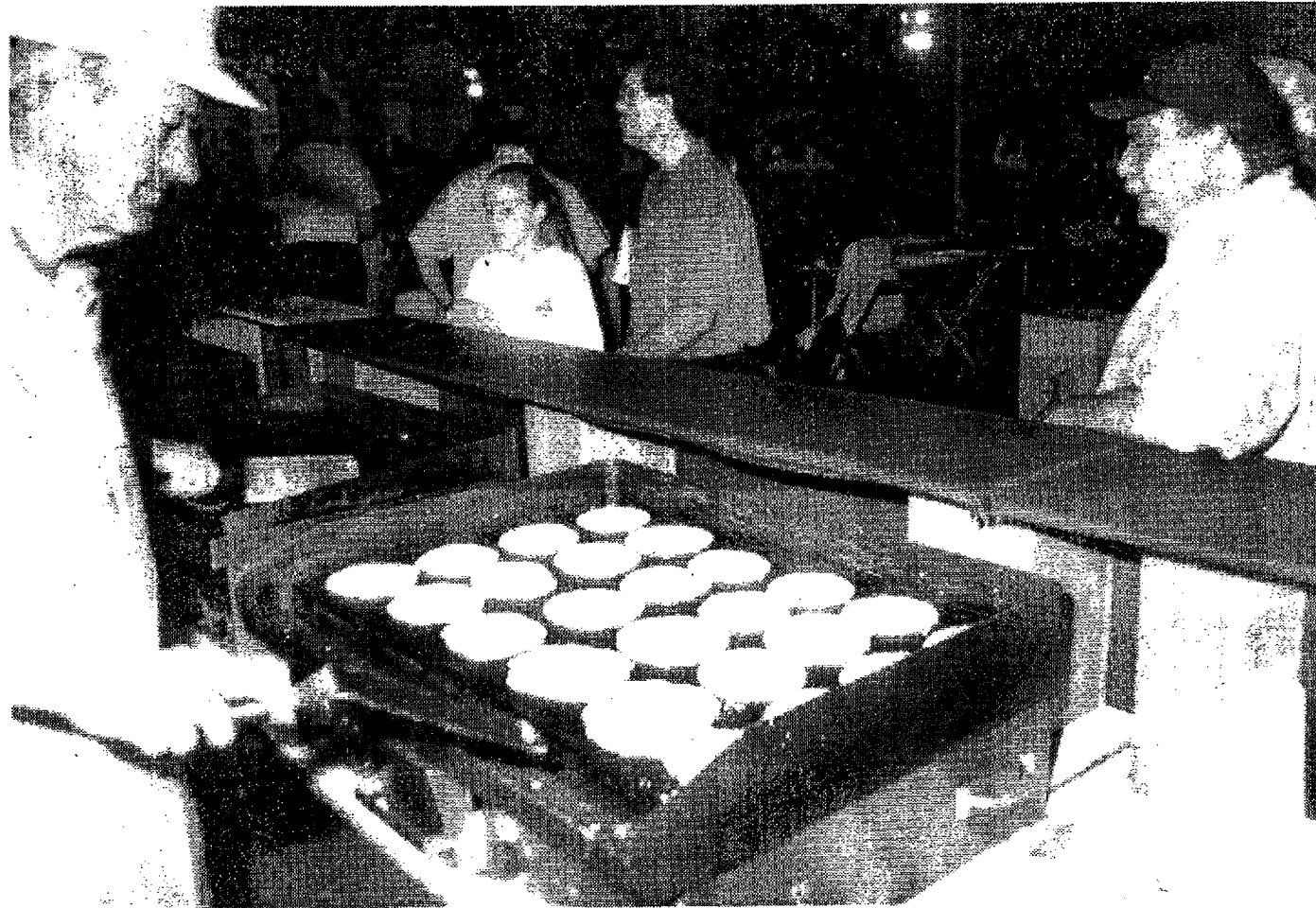
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Food

Flap jacks & sausage



Saturday is Kiwanis pancake day once again at the Fall Festival. The group has been with the festival for more than 40 years and is still

going strong. Last year the Kiwanis still sold more than 2,000 breakfasts, despite bad weather. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

A great breakfast combo

The Kiwanis Club is one of the oldest participants in the Fall Festival, and the all you can eat pancake breakfast is popular with young and old alike.

The club is celebrating more than 40 years with the festival; 40 years of flipping pancakes, sausage and bacon. They participate in the festival in other ways, too, according to Kiwanis representative Curt Lamar.

"The Kiwanis has always been involved with other parts of the festival," Lamar said. "We've had numerous past festival board presidents and members."

The breakfast is just one of the fundraisers for the Kiwanis at the festival, but it is their most popular. "It's the largest fund-raiser of the year," said Lamar. "We usually have 60 people or more volunteering to help out."

A \$4.50 advance or \$5 ticket on Saturday will be all the pancakes, sausage, you can eat, plus coffee and milk. An each ticket will enter you into a drawing for a trip for two to Toronto, Lamar said.

"We're giving away a trip for two to Toronto," Lamar said. "It's a three-day, two-night trip and it includes lodging and train fare. It's really nice, all the winner has to do is get themselves to the train station in Windsor."

Winning tickets will be drawn at random at a lottery at the end of the breakfast, around 1 p.m. Lamar said.

The tickets were donated by Roney and Company, Lamar said.

The Kiwanis has two other booths as well, Lamar said. Their popcorn

wagon will again make an appearance, and a booth shared with the Canton Cheerleader Boosters will sell onion rings.

"We like having the separate booths because it spreads us around," Lamar said. "We can really cover a lot of areas, and we make more money that we would at just one booth."

Kiwanis splits the funds raised at the onion ring booth with with Canton Cheerleader Boosters, who run the booth, Lamar said.

Funds raised at the three booths go into the Kiwanis treasury, which then goes to support charitable groups in the area, Lamar said.

"The lion's share of what we make goes right back into the community," Lamar said. "We help out primarily children-oriented groups."

Groups the Kiwanis donates to include the Salvation Army and Mott's Children Hospital and groups like the Historical Society. The Kiwanis also sponsored Terrific Kids last year, a program with local elementary schools that recognized and rewarded children that exemplify good citizenship.

"They get little awards like pencils and bumper stickers," Lamar said. "I've even seen them carry them around in the community. The kids are quite proud."

Kiwanis also sponsors international charities that help fight diseases such as the Iodine Deficiency Disease, a disease that is a big cause of birth defects world-wide, Lamar said.

It all starts Saturday morning at 7 a.m.



Food

How do you cook 12,000 chickens?

Follow the basic steps clockwise, from left

When most people think of the Fall Festival, they think of the annual Rotary Chicken Barbeque. The club, along with about 400 volunteers, will season and barbeque 12,000 of the plump, juicy birds until the meat is falling off the bone with mouth-watering perfection.

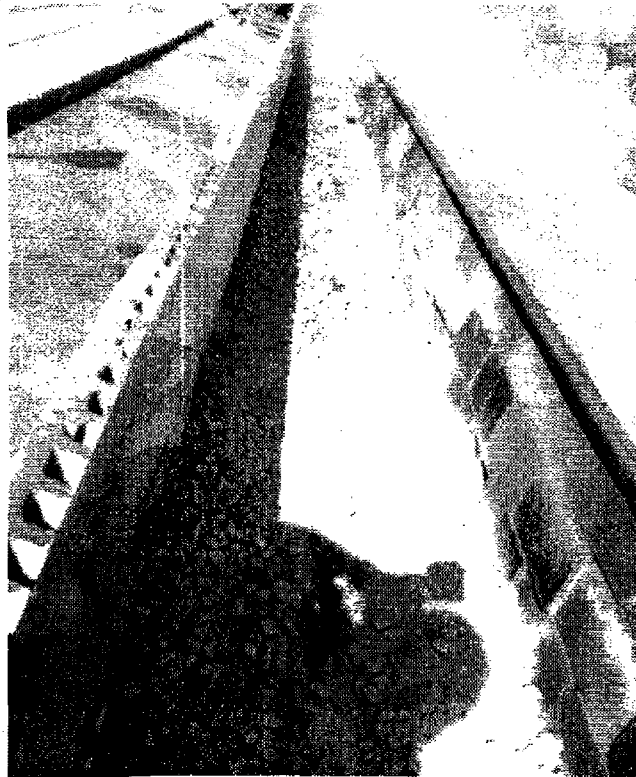
To pull it off, the Rotarians need about a day and a half to prepare — and a lot of help.

"It's a lot of work," said Rotarian Chairperson Mark Baldwin. "We usually have 500 people or so helping us. There are about 100 Rotarians and 400 volunteers."

The action starts the day before, when the two, 90-foot barbecue pits are set up in about two hours, Baldwin said.

The charcoal is lit around 7:30 a.m. Sunday, and the first birds go on the flame about two hours later.

Before the day is out, 12,000 chickens, 14,000 ears of corn and 1200 dozen rolls will be consumed.



"We sold about 11,000 last year and we wanted to more this year," Baldwin said.

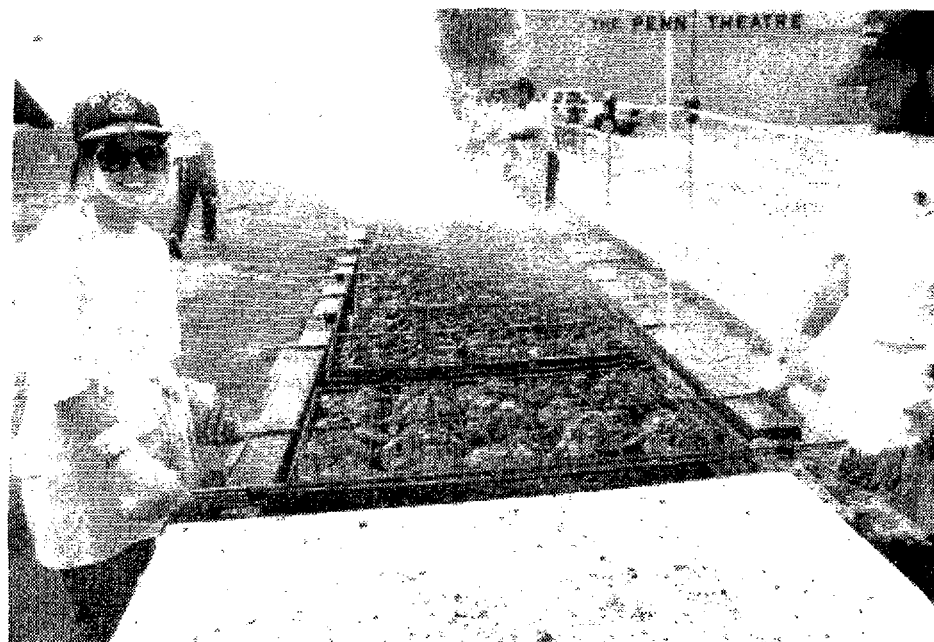
Funds from the barbecue go into the Rotary Foundation, which disperses funds for various charities.

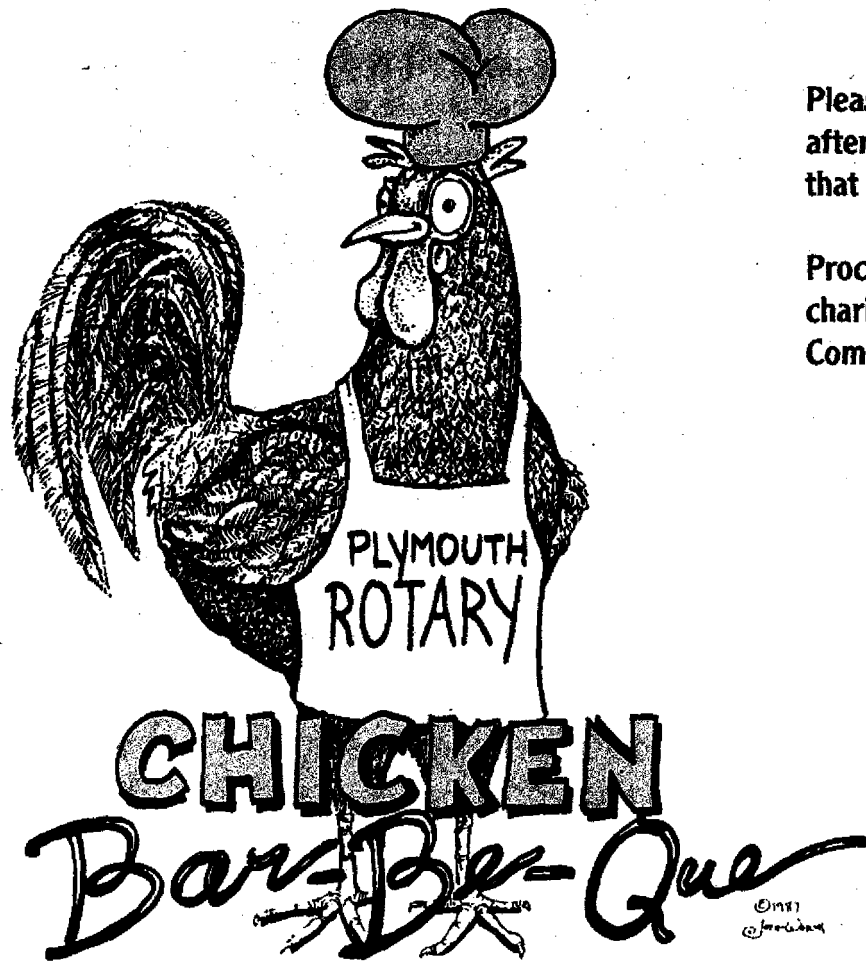
"Most of the money goes right back into the community," Baldwin said.

Dinners are \$7 prepaid, or \$8 Sunday.



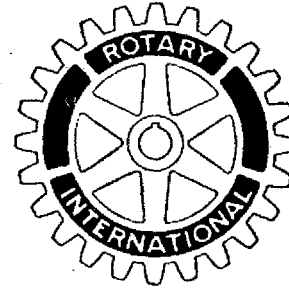
The barbeque takes a lot of preparation. First, two 90' long, 36" inch high pits are built out of cinderblocks. 8" of sand is poured as a base to protect the concrete and covered with 5,000 pounds of charcoal (left). The chickens are unloaded into a prep area, where they are placed into racks and seasoned (above). The chicken-filled racks are placed 30 at a time on the pits, where 20-30 volunteers watch and flip every every few minutes (below, right). After about 60-70 minutes, the chickens have cooked to perfection and the finished product (below, left) is ready to be boxed and eaten by hungry festival goers. (Crier photos, R. Alwood, Jr.)





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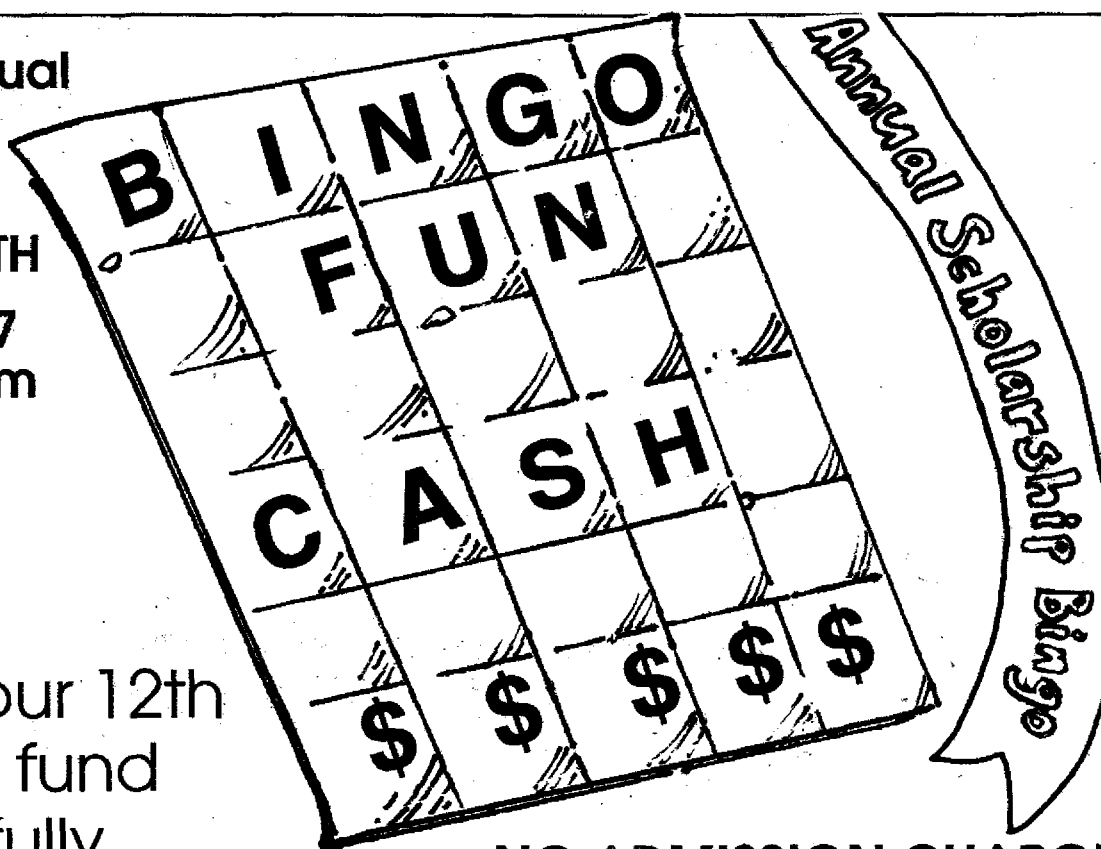
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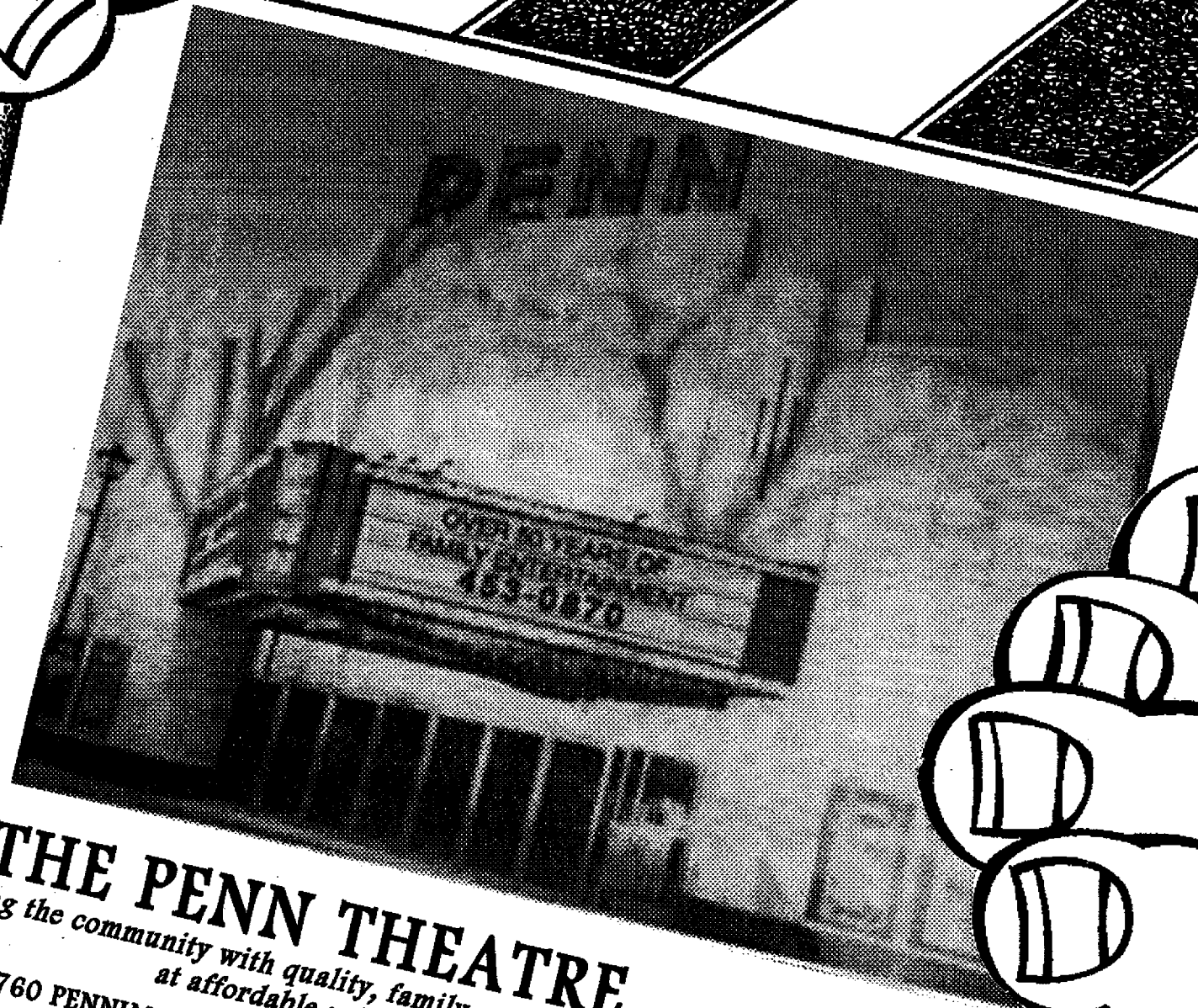
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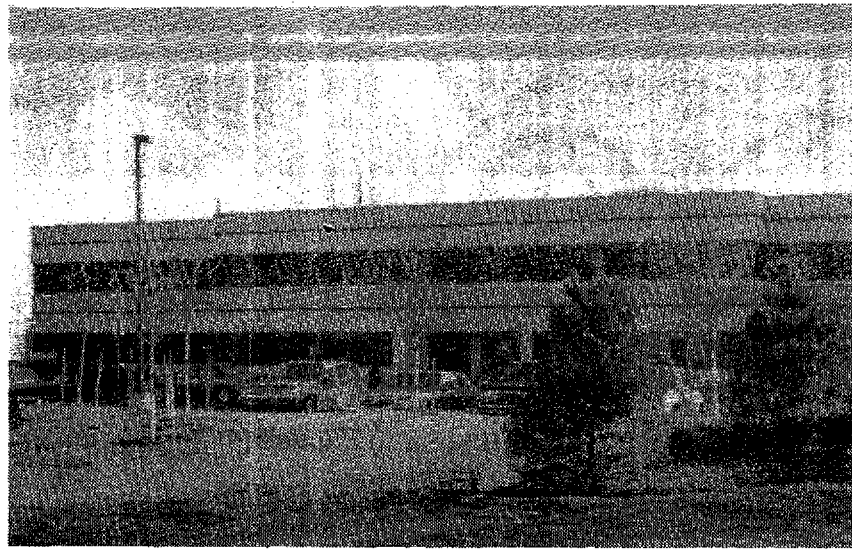
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Booths

Nativity of the Virgin Mary booth is all Greek

The booth's meats and treats are popular with all ages

One of the reasons why the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox church's Fall Festival Booth is so popular is that it sells a wide range of treats.

The church, which has served its Greek treats in more than 15 Fall Festivals, is one of the more popular booths at the festival, selling Greek specialty meals and desserts.

As a main course, Nativity of the Virgin Mary will offer a choice of their popular gyros or shiskebobs, each selling at \$3.50.

But that's not all the booth will sell. The church will also offer traditional Greek pastries such as a spinach pie, cheese pie and sticky, sweet baklava for \$1.50 a piece, and pop for \$1.

George Demos, spokesperson for the church, said their 330 members work hard to raise funds for the church and the City of Plymouth.

The church believes in giving back to the community, and a percentage of the profits made from their Fall Festival booth is spent throughout the year on the city, Demos said.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church is located in Plymouth Township on the southeast corner of Five Mile and Haggerty Roads.



The popular booth is back again this year, selling traditional greek favorites (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

New Life Lutheran Church hopes to plant seeds

P-C-N's newest church is one of the newest — and latest additions to the Fall Fest.

New Life Lutheran Church, is just organized from a larger body, and has been worshipping anywhere it could, and outgrowing everywhere it worships.

From Kellogg Park to the Masonic Temple to Our Lady of Providence church in Northville Township, the congregation has been looking for a home.

And they think they've found one in Plymouth.

They plan to be in the festival to raise awareness, sell some plants, and raise a few

bucks.

And, in the process, send someone on a trip. "We're looking for an opportunity to create an identity," said spokesperson Cordy Strawser. "We're trying to raise awareness of our congregation because it has really just formed."

The booth will sell Mums in a six-inch pot that will come in a convenient, easy to carry bag. The cost of the plant and pot will be about \$3, Strawser said.

The church will also be looking for ideas about how to best serve the community, Strawser said. Forms will be available for

festival goers to fill out to give the church ideas of what kind of ministry would best suit the community.

The forms will be collected and two will be drawn at random to win a pair of tickets anywhere American Airlines flies in the U.S., Swanson said.

All ideas collected will be discussed when the church seeks to open its doors in a permanent facility in Plymouth.

"Our goal is to help understand the community better," Strawson said. "We're not just here to raise money. That's just the icing on the cake."

VVA sells subs, souvenirs

Submarine sandwiches Friday, corn on the cob Saturday, and VVA Chapter 528 of Plymouth and Canton will provide both.

Dennis Shrewsbury, VVA past-president and current Fall Festival chairperson, said along with the food the VVA's booth will sell military decals, souvenirs, badges, buttons, shirts, flags, caps, posters and pop for \$1.

The festival gives the VVA a lot of exposure to the thousands of people who come to Plymouth every year.

"People always stop by," Shrewsbury said. "Even when it was raining last year, people came by and talked with us."

Shrewsbury said the VVA's 120 members are always looking for more members to join them. All people with military service from

1959-72 are eligible.

Although the location of the booths won't be known until the event takes place, the last few years the VVA booth has been placed in

front of the Little Professor on the Park bookstore. Shrewsbury believes this year will be no different.

Ice Cream goes to the Lions

The Plymouth Lions Club will once again offer TCBY Yogurt at a price of \$2, caramel apple chips for \$2, and Absopure bottled water for \$1.50.

Dale Dauderman, chairman of the Fall Festival for the Plymouth Lions Club, said their booth will remain where it's been placed in past years — on the end of booth row on Ann Arbor Trail, numbers nine and 10.

Money raised through the booth all goes toward the community, Dauderman said, including the blind and school children, and helps pay for leader dogs for the blind, large print books in various libraries, and benches and trash receptacles in Kellogg Park in Plymouth.



Booths

Polish Dancers offer traditional treats

The smell of homemade Polish delicacies floating through the air is a sure sign that it is Fall Fest time again.

The Polish Centennial Dancers will once again tempt the public with kielbasa and kraut, stuffed cabbage, pierogies, and much more.

Along with the fantastic food the dancers, ages pre-school to high school, will be performing for the crowds at noon on Saturday.

"We are eager to share our culture with the community," says Barb Martin, PNA director. "Each ethnic dance comes from a different region of Poland and the costumes are authentic replicas of that regions dress."

All the proceeds from the food sales will help the non-profit dance school all year long in giving students a well-rounded polish education.

A combination plate will be available for those who want to sample it all. For your sweet tooth there are also desserts including angelwings and boxed candies.

Y-M C- yA at the Fall Festival

The YMCA booth is selling more than food for this year's Fall Festival because they are more than just a community service organization.

Keeping your soda can cold and your heart warm this Fall Fest are volunteers from the Plymouth YMCA.

Along with the Italian sausage and veggie sandwiches they usually serve, the YMCA will also be selling can holders with the YMCA and the United Way logos on them to keep cans cool and fingers warm.

"We are hoping for good

Canton Tennis Boosters return with fresh lemonade stand

The lemonade worked so good last year, they decided to do it again.

The Canton Tennis Boosters, which debuted at the festival last year is returning with the hopes of selling more lemonade.

"We're raising money for the team," said volunteer John Herald. "Last year we bought uniforms for the tennis teams."

Herald said fundraisers like the

weather," says volunteer Pat Meininger. "But no matter what at Fall Fest, we usually get a good turnout."

All the profits from the food sales will help the organization run successfully throughout the year.

Earnings also help the YMCA offer reduced rates for their classes to those in need of financial assistance.

According to Meininger the booth will open around noon on Friday and run through Sunday night.

Fall Festival were important because the schools don't do much for the sports teams any more.

"Last year we did pretty well, and we really only had one good day," he said. "We're hoping that with 2 days we can do even better."

The fresh, homemade lemonade and strawberry lemonade will sell for \$2 and \$3.



When was the last time you had a good pierogi? The Polish Centennial Dancer booth will serve them and other Polish treats. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

Civitans celebrate their silver Fall Festival

It is a big anniversary year for the Plymouth-Canton Civitans.

For 25 years the Plymouth Canton Civitans have been sponsoring side-by-side booths at the Fall Fest. And they've been helping causes in the process.

The Civitans food booth will have Yaki Tori steak and chicken sandwiches on sale both Friday and Saturday. The teriyaki sandwiches have long been a festival favorite.

And the Civitans will offer something new for Fall Festival-goers Sunday. \$5 will buy spicy turkey wings for the public to sink their teeth into.

Also a photo button booth lets you take home a permanent memory of your time at the festival. Items available are buttons, key chains, and magnets to put your portraits on.

The proceeds of the button sales and the food booth will be used towards buying their second service dog from Paws with a Cause. These companions help their masters with everyday tasks from picking up the paper to opening doors.

The cost to purchase and train one of these extraordinary animals is about \$8500. Civitans will chose one local resident who needs the assistance of a lovable canine when they raise enough funds.

McAuley gives first aid, info

Pulse-racing excitement at the Fall Fest won't be a problem with McAuley Health Systems providing basic first aid this year.

Helpful nurses and staff will be on hand for those in need of first aid and to educate the public skin cancer.

According to organizer Sandy Miller, over-exposure can be easily prevented. The staff will hand out samples of sunscreen packets and literature on skin cancers. They will also be answering any health questions people may have.

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Sunday, Sept. 7, 1997

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REGISTRATION: 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

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Judging will be based on: originality, creative use of materials and neatness.

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Booths



The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will offer discounted Whalers tickets and other merchandise at their booth. This year they will also raffle a lease for a Ford Explorer. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

Booster cream pies

Ever wanted to belt a cheerleader in the face with a pie? Fall Fest '97 may be your big chance.

The Plymouth-Canton High School Cheerleader Boosters are sponsoring a booth where the cheerleaders will sacrifice themselves to the pie-throwing public — all for the good of the squad, of course.

Raffle tickets for a quilt will also be available at the booth. Proceeds from both the raffle and the pie-throwing will go back to the cheerleading squad, hopefully paying for their trip to regional competition this year.

The P-C Cheerleader Boosters have been a part of the Fall Festival since they became a group four years ago.

Dunk a skater at Plymouth skating club booth

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club is bringing their special dunk tank back for a second year.

The tank is actually over a skater's head, and spills water on them when a target is hit, according to spokesperson Carl Modetz.

"It's easier to get insurance that way," he said.

The booth was popular last year, despite the rain, according to Modetz. But the reason why

they decided to join the fall festival wasn't just to raise funds.

"We don't make a whole lot of money," he said. "This is just a chance for people to get out and see what the club can offer."

Anyone wanting to volunteer for the dunk tank can call Modetz at (248) 348-4146.

"We'd love to have a celebrity in the tank," he said. "A popular teacher would be good to have in there."

Chamber of Commerce sells tickets, raffle

The Chamber of Commerce will once again have a Whaler of a good time at the festival this year.

The booth will sell Plymouth Whaler opening day and season tickets at a "deep discount," according to Executive Director Fran Toney.

"We're only offering the discounts for the three days of the festival," she said. "People can really save a lot of money."

The chamber has lined up some Whaler Players to sign autographs, too, Toney said. The players will be at the booth, in uniform Saturday, Sept. 6 from 4-5 p.m.

The chamber will also be selling t-shirts, baseball caps and sweatshirts to provide money to support their activities and help pay for information packages on the community.

"We did really well last year," Toney said. "A lot of people showed up."

A Ford Explorer donated by Ford Motor Co. will also be on display, and up for raffle, Toney said. Tickets are \$50 each, and no more than 500 will be sold. Winners receive a two-year lease.

"We're not going to sell more than 500 tickets, so everyone will have a really good chance to win," she said.

CAPA booth supports children for the performing arts

The 1997 Fall Festival will be the first year the Children's Advancement for the Performing Arts (CAPA) will have a booth.

CAPA will sell nachos, hot dogs, bratwurst and frozen slushes.

CAPA has 30 members, consisting of parents of children ages 6-18 who perform at the national level for dance.

The money made from the booth will go toward costumes and the cost of traveling to the national competitions, said Cynthia Bevill, Fall Festival chairperson for CAPA.

She said the group decided to have a booth this year because they want to be more involved in the community.

CAPA is composed of people from the community, and Bevill said the booth is a wonderful way to promote the community and all the members are real happy to be a part of the Fall Festival.

More fries, shorter lines at RLDS booth

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS) is returning to the festival with their popular french fry booth.

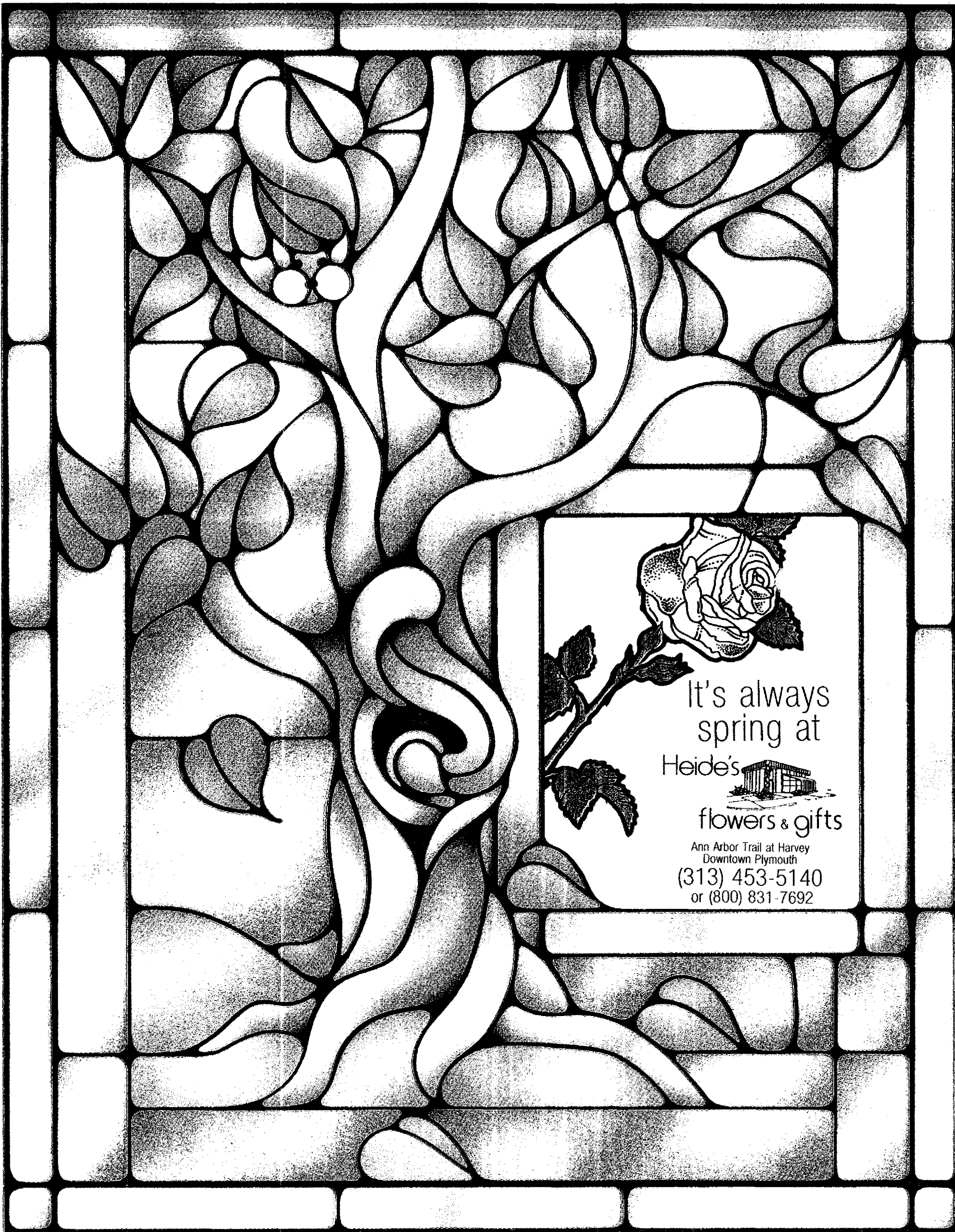
They will sell french fries, cheese fries and chili cheese fries, according to representative Dr. Clark Smith. Prices range from \$2.50


And the lines will be shorter, too, Smith said.

"The Lions Club made larger fryers available to us, so we'll be able to serve more people. The waits aren't going to be as long."

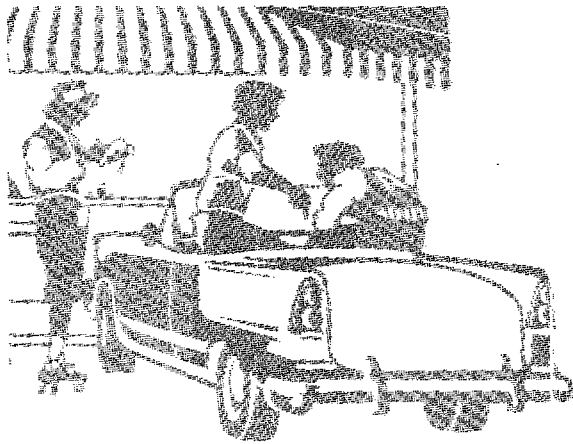
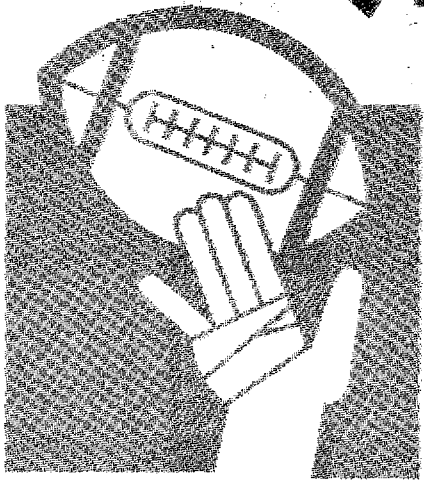
Funds raised at the booth go towards the church's day care and community outreach program, Smith said.

"We have a good time doing it. We enjoy being a part of the festival," Smith said. "This should be our best year ever."



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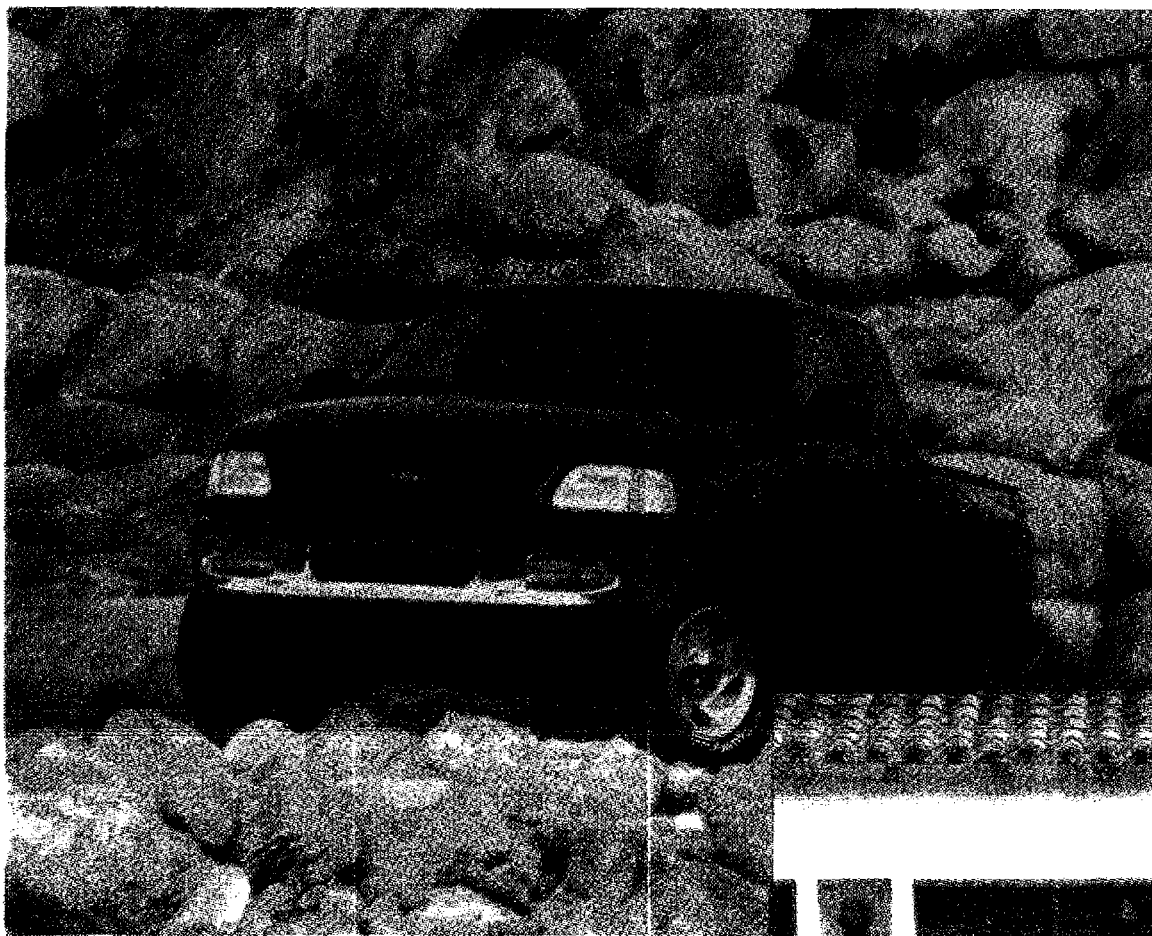


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Contests

All dressed up for Optimist pet show

It's the most hilarious creature feature of the year. Once a year the P-C community parades their often reluctant pets down the runway for a show of unusual talent, beauty, and fashion sense.

"We are expecting around 100 pets this year," says Felix Rotter, event organizer. "It's all about kid stuff. We look forward to the children showing off the pets they love."

Early Saturday morning pet owners start grooming and primping their pets for the 9 a.m. starting time.

There is no boundary on what may be entered into the ring, from snakes to hamsters, but hopefully not near one another.

Judges will be looking for the best dressed, best trick, smallest, and largest pet. There is even a category for the longest ears.

For those atypical pets, the categories range from size, most colorful, and most unusual.

So sharpen up Spot's frisbee tricks or dress up Morris and head to the competition.



Categories in the Optimist pet contest range from most unusual pet to the best-dressed pet. Sometimes it is difficult to tell which was which. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

New Morning Booth features popular 'kiddie' games at Festival

Not everyone has been a part of Fall Festival as long as the Rotary, whose chicken dinner started the phenomenon in 1955, but a few groups come close.

New Morning School has been a part of Fall Festival for 17 years, making it a true veteran to the annual gala. This year's booth will be much the same as years past, with a few new additions.

The booth will include face painting, hair wraps, sand necklaces, basketball, a sucker tree, a putting green and more, most with a chance to win prizes while helping the school.

Prices for the various events range from 50 cents to \$5. Proceeds will go to supplies for the private school as it enters its 25th school year.

Salem Dugout Club tests pitching arms

The Plymouth Salem Dugout Club will once again be testing the pitching skills of eager contestants on their annual pitching tent.

People wanting to try their arms will can guess how fast they can throw a baseball. They get three throws to try and match their guess within three miles an

hour.

They can also buy Salem hats and T-shirts.

Money raised goes to the Salem baseball team.

Show your wares at Trailwood Garden Tent

The Trailwood Garden Club will return again for the Fall Festival with an exhibition tent, a number of contests and a perennial plant exchange.

Their exhibit tent, which will open for entries in their various contests at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, will feature all kinds of plants, pies, and, of course, garden faces.

"People from the community can enter any kind of fresh flower arrangements, specimen flowers, fruits and vegetables, or in areas like largest squash or zucchini," Randinitis said. "There's adult judging or junior judging, or just plain exhibition if they don't feel competitive."

As far as contests, the garden club features a pie baking contest, with judges Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters, and Plymouth Township Director of Public Services Jim Anulewicz, Randinitis said.

Another contest the club sponsors is the garden faces contest. Contestants design whimsical faces out of fresh produce (not plastic). They can use any type of fruit or vegetable, whole or cut, according to Randinitis.

The rules are less strict than in years past, Randinitis said, because she feared that excess rules frightened people away, and the club wanted to maintain a fun atmosphere.

"It's all meant to be fun," she said. "You don't have to be a professional or a member."

Also on hand for the day is a perennial exchange, where someone can bring in a perennial in any form — seed or plant — leave it and take another one. All the club asks is that the plant be identified.

Fall Fest 1997

Fall Festival Exhibit Tent

Trailwood Garden Club Registration Form

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Bring this form to the produce tent Sunday between 9 a.m. and noon.

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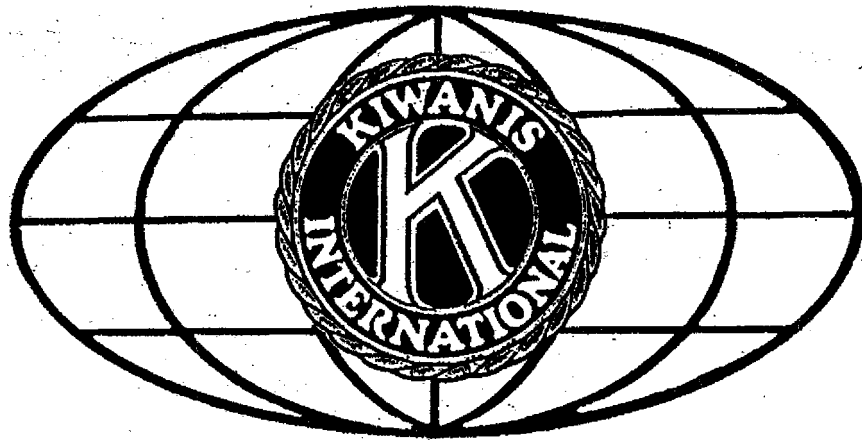
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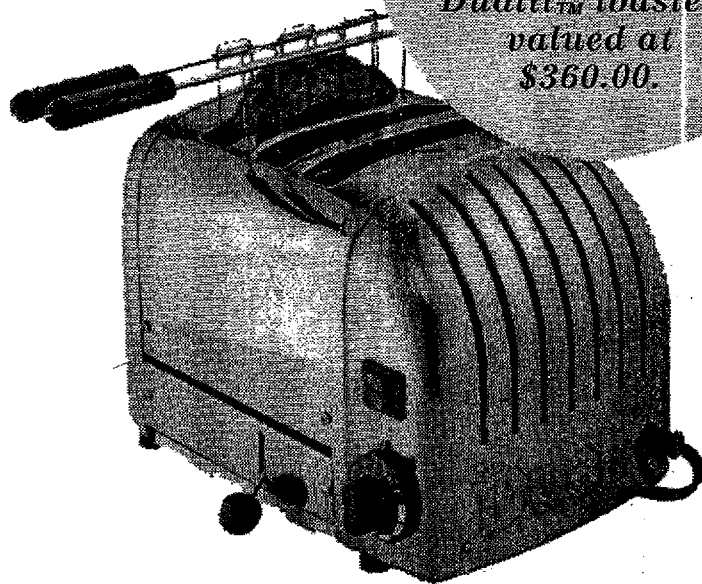
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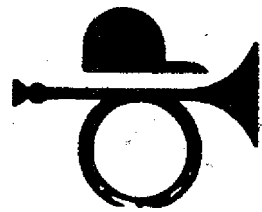
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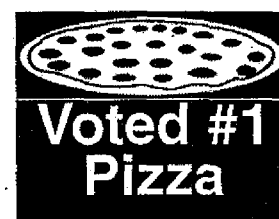
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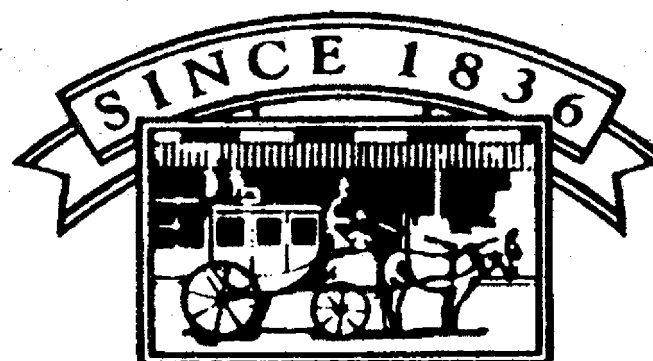
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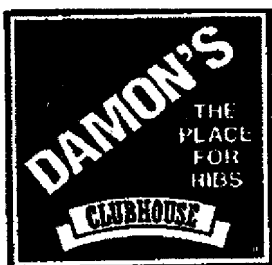


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Auto show

From classic cars to concept cars

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Fall Festival Auto Show has become a favorite in its short time with the festival.

The show originated about six years ago, according to Auto Show Chairperson Dick Anderson.

"It actually started with parking some classic cars on the Plymouth Historical Museum's lawn," he said. "It just expanded from that."

Although Anderson is quick to point out that in the late '60s or early '70s, there was a classic car show of sorts on Penniman, where antique cars would be parked.

The car show was designed offer festival-goers another type of family entertainment, according to Anderson.

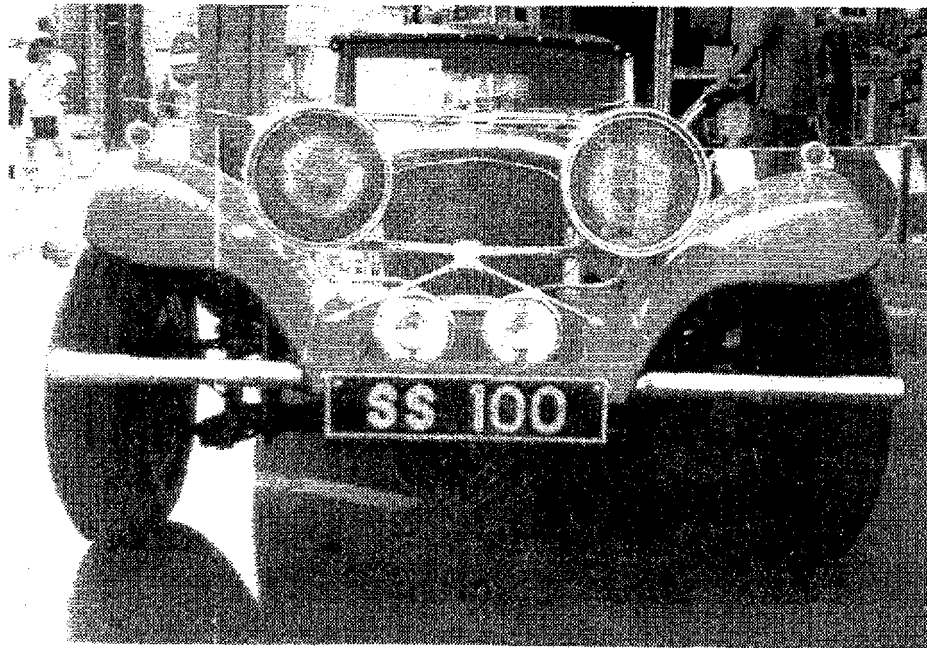
"Cars are something everyone can enjoy," he said. "From nine-year olds to gray-haired grandpas."

Anderson has tried to get a wide cross section of cars for this year's show, he said. "We always shoot for a good assortment. We try and get as many orphan cars — cars they don't make anymore, like Kaisers, Frazers, Packards and Hudsons. Some of them were built at the bomber plant at Willow Run after WWII. They were made locally, so everyone likes to see those."

Cars range from the exotic and antique to the classic muscle cars of the '60s and '70s, he said.

"Of course we get our usual Chevys and Mustang muscle cars," Anderson said.

Anderson said the show was open to all types of cars and has a wider range of exhibitors than many shows that feature only one type of car.



Classic British sportscars are a popular attraction at the Fall Festival Auto Show. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

Foreign cars such as Volkswagon and British sports cars will be featured, as well as military Jeeps.

"We want a sampling of everything, he said.

For the first time ever, the show will feature a rare Tucker automobile, too, he said.

"It's one of the finest ever restored, Anderson said. "I had to promise him a canopy, but the Fall Festival Board said they'd provide one."

This year's show will feature a judging contest, with prizes going out to Lady's Choice and Man's Choice. Anyone can vote on either, regardless of gender, according to Anderson.

Prizes will also be given out for Fire Chief's Choice, Police Chief's Choice and Mayor's

Choice. Each one will pick their favorite, Anderson said.

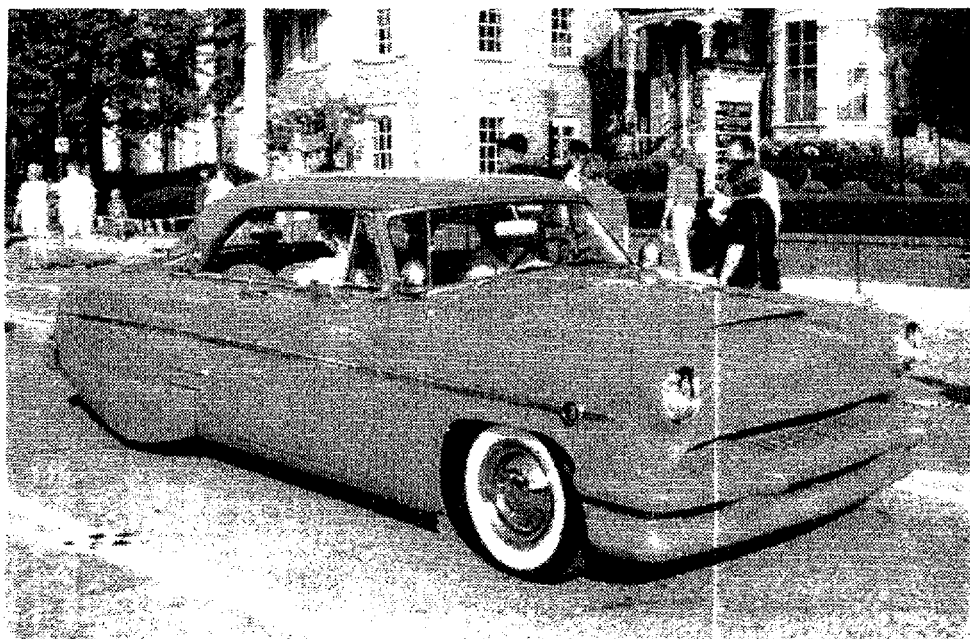
"It's basically a popularity contest," Anderson said. "Nothing serious. We're not trying to make this a serious contest."

One thing missing from the line up this year will be the classic car raffle, Anderson said.

"When you buy a (classic) car you have to sell an awful lot of tickets in advance just to cover the cost," he said. "It's awful risky. And this year we didn't have anyone volunteer to put the time in and track one down."

Anderson hopes to have 120 classic, and a few Chrysler concept cars for the show, he said.

"You get a lot of people saying I'll be there maybe, which translates to: if it's nice outside."



Classic car exhibitors and fans alike come together for an annual appreciation of automobiles at the Fall Festival. The event was started six years ago as another form of family-oriented entertainment. Cars



shows can bridge the generation gap, according to organizer Dick Anderson, because different generations of cars appeal to different generations (Crier photos, R. Alwood, Jr.)



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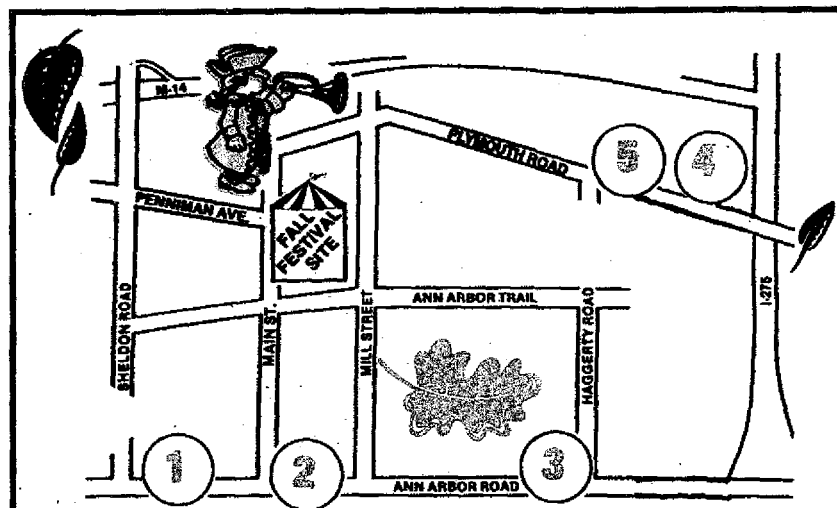
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Fall Fest folk

The three musketeers

Three people were picked for the title of manager, the only paid position in the Fall Festival. Splitting the management duties three ways is just one of the ways the festival board and management is reorganizing to keep up with different demands.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It's all for one and one for all for the three co-managers of this year's Fall Festival.

That's right, three.

"It's not that we felt like we needed three co-managers, it just worked out that way," said manager Ken Holmes.

Traditionally, the the FallFest was run by a manager and an assistant manager, Holmes said. The two were ultimately responsible for making sure everything ran according to plan, and troubleshoot all problems that arose during the three day festival.

That changed last year.

"Traditionally, a manager has an assistant. When the manager leaves, the assistant takes over. That way, there's always someone who's familiar with it, who's been through it, and who knows the ropes," Holmes said.

Last year's manager, John Bida quit, and last year's assistant manager, Charles Heid, didn't want to take over, Holmes said. It left the board in a not-so unusual position: They needed volunteers.

It was during the board's organizational meeting in January that Dr. Clark Smith, board president, asked if there were anyone interested in taking over the management duties for the 1997 Fall Festival, according to Holmes.

"The board asked if there was anyone who was wanted to do it, and in January, three of us expressed interest," Holmes said. "So rather than leave someone out, they named all three of us managers."

Holmes shares the management duties with Fred Eagle of the Canton Jaycees and Jay Horsley.

"When we first got together we saw that there were areas where we had expertise or at least experience," Holesms said. "So we divided all the responsibilities three ways."

"Jay had some experience with renting the tables and chairs, so he too that responsibility. He saved us close to \$2,000, and that was a major concern because last year's rain really cut into our budget."

Eagle volunteered to coordinate the probationers for clean up service. Holmes wound up responsible for lining up the booths and saying what goes where and making sure everyone had electricity.

But although none of this year's managers have managed a Fall Festival before, it doesn't mean they haven't had any experience or been with the Fest.

Holmes, for instance first became involved in the FallFest through the YMCA board of director in 1978, he said. That was the year they started selling italian sausage sandwiches. They sold out by Saturday morning. Holmes has also served on the Fall Fest board for 10 years, and was president in 1988.

It was his position as president which prepared him for managing the



Festival co-managers Ken Holmes (left), Fred Eagle (middle) and Jay Horsley (right) each bring a particular area of expertise to their positions. (Crier photo, by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Fest he said. "The president oversees and sort of coordinates everything," he said, "The managers have more say over what goes where."

Because he had more experience with the festival than the other two, he volunteered to become the spokesperson for the three, and coordinate all activities at the festival, and be primarily responsible for assigning booths.

Although that, he said, is somewhat scientific.

"We actually have a formula we use so that no one gets the same spot for more than one year. It keeps someone from always getting the best spot, too," he said. "The booth on the corner of Main and Penniman usually gets the most business, and everyone always requests that one. It wouldn't be fair to give it to the same group every year."

The three co-manager system is just a trial, Holmes said. It may be continued if October's festival board meeting, which evaluates the festival, determines whether or not having three managers worked better than two.

"Maybe we'll stick with this, maybe we'll go back to the old way. It depends on how things go."

Although the number of managers have changed, their role has not, Holmes said.

"Come festival time, we're all troubleshooters. Whatever fires crop up, we have to put them out —sometimes literally."



Fall Fest Board

Perpetual change

The Festival Board is rarely the same, year after year

The Fall Festival board is in an almost constant state of change as terms expire and board members either quit or join. A new group of regulars is emerging to direct one of Plymouth's most popular festivals

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Although the Fall Festival Board has been going through changes throughout the last few years with the departure of a lot of long-standing veterans, a new group of core members has evolved to take over, according to Festival Board President, Dr. Clark Smith.

"There are quite a lot of new faces again this year," Smith said. "We lost a few more long-standing members, but we have a lot of members returning, too."

Festival by-laws limit the time someone can serve on the Fall Festival Board to two three-year terms, Smith said. "It keeps the festival from getting too stagnant. You don't want the same people making the same decisions for too long. They didn't want to see the same people year after year after year."

But with the changes, a new core group of advisors has emerged to steer newcomers and offer their experience with the festival.

Nancy Baldwin, the Rev. Klaus M. Mehrl, Ron Budzisz, Sue Clark and George Thompson



Working on the Fall Festival Board is a year-long labor of love. The board has been planning this year's festival since October, with monthly meeting and hundreds of phone calls. This year's board, from left to right: Front Row: festival co-manager Ken Holmes, festival co-manager Jay Horsely, CAPA representative Barb Halaberda, Canton Tennis Boosters representative Barbara Hanosh, Chamber of Commerce representative and board treasurer Sue Clark, Arts Council representative Carolyn Simons; Middle Row: Canton Tennis Booster representative John Herald, Kiwanis representative Curtis Lamar, Jaybees representative Tim Fedewa, YMCA representative Burt Dickinson, board advisor and past-president George Thompson, board president Dr. Clark Smith; Back Row: festival co-manager Fred Eagle, Polish National Alliance Dancer representative Ron Budzisz, Rotary representative Mark Baldwin and Lions representative Dale Dauderman. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

are all returning from last year, as well as Smith, himself.

"It always helps when you have the same people returning and the same people representing the same organizations," Smith said. "At the same time, we always have some turnover. It always gives us a new perspective."

First started in 1962, the Fall Fest board works year-round to

organize the festival, Smith said. They generally meet once a month in Plymouth Township Hall. The public is invited, because the board always welcomes comments and suggestions from festival-goers.

The board has been meeting nearly every week in August, getting the final touches and last booths in place for the festival. They will evaluate this year's

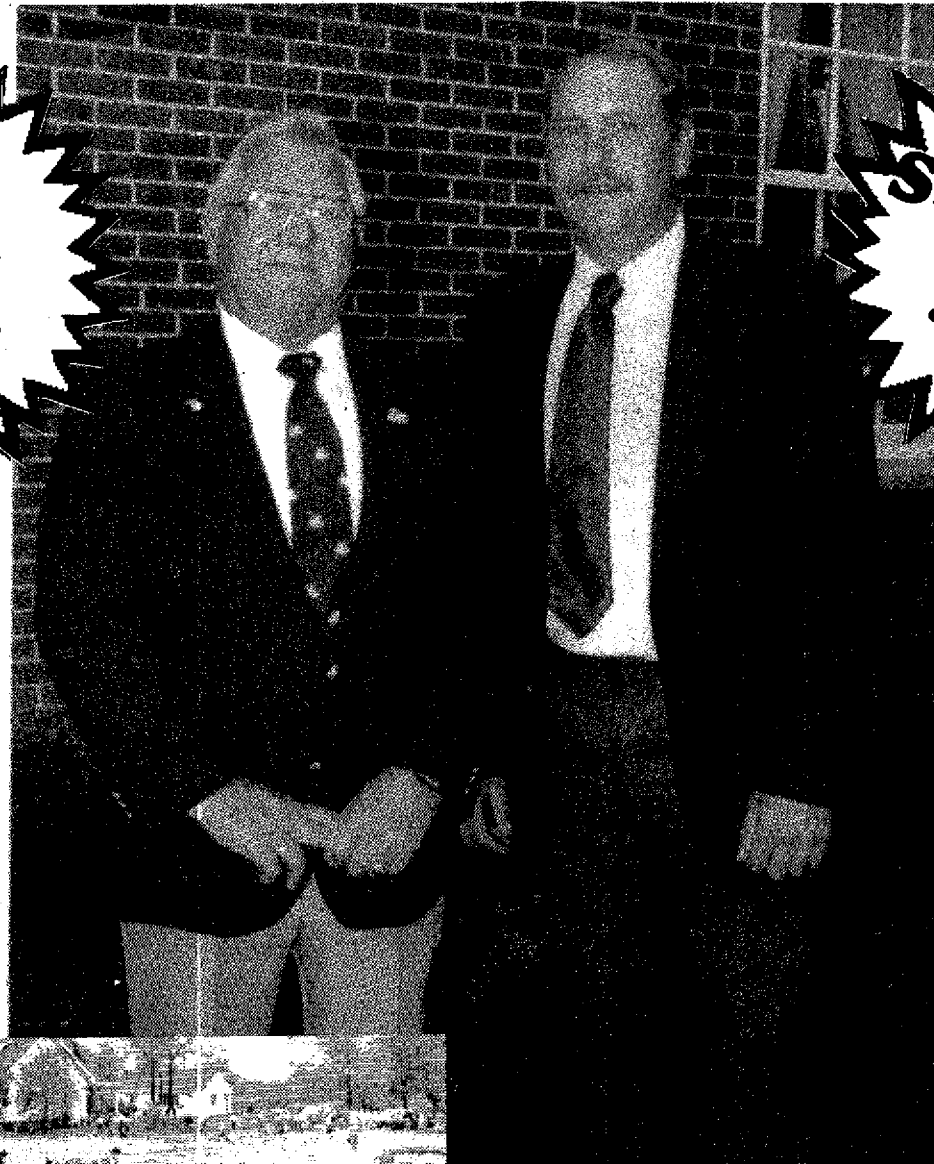
festival in October, Smith said.

But as for this year, everything will be on display Sept. 5, 6, 7. And the board will be working feverishly until then to make sure everything is set to go, Smith said.

But he's not worried.

"We've got some really good people coming back, and really

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Fall Fest Board

Incumbent guides festival

*'96 Fall Festival
President Dr. Clark
Smith returns for a
second term, much to
his wife's chagrin*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It's been a classic case of experience breeds wisdom for Fall Fest president Dr. Clark Smith.

Returning for a second term as the president of the Fall Festival board, Smith brings with him the knowledge of exactly what went right with last year's Festival, and what could have been done better.

Maybe that was prompted him to handle additional responsibilities, specifically coordinating entertainment for the festival.

"Clark is working way too hard," said Fall Festival Co-manager Ken Holmes. "Overseeing the Festival would be enough for anyone else."

But Smith disagrees, shrugging off the compliment, and giving credit where he thought credit was do.

"It's a lot to do, there's no doubt about it, but I've had a lot of good people helping me out. I haven't done everything," he said.

Smith said that directing the entertainment wasn't as much of a problem or as much work as people thought.

"A lot of people have been contacting me directly about it," Smith said. "They've been sending tapes or asking for auditions. Scheduling was the biggest headache."

It was easier this time, he said, because he brought everything he learned as last year's

board president with him.

Knowing from the beginning that he would return as president and line-up entertainment also eliminated some steps and phone calls, he said.

"Everyone knew who to contact, and I knew who to tell them to talk to," Smith said.

The streamlined process and knowing where to go to get information are two things that made planning the festival smoother than it had been in recent years, he said, adding that his experience with last year's festival also showed him ways of doing things better.

"There were a lot of things I didn't even think about doing as last year's president that I started doing this year," he said. "like getting publicity and starting early."

It also afforded Smith the opportunity to extend what he had been trying to do with last year's festival, he said. Specifically, getting as much local involvement as he could muster.

"I want as many community groups involved as I can get," he said. "The whole festival is about community. I also try and stress the opportunity for non-profit organizations, like schools and churches to raise money. It's well worth the effort to be a part."

It's a philosophy that has filtered over into the entertainment line-up, he said. He attempted to secure as much local talent as he could, groups like the Community Band, PCEP Marching Band, and the Fife and Drum Corps, to name just a few.

"It's been a goal to bring back more community entertainment," he said. "We've not only tried to keep the local entertainers that usually perform, but bring in more, too."

Smith, a veteran of many Fall Festivals, said it's a busy job, but one he enjoys. "It's always interesting. I'm still getting a ton of phone calls, but a lot of them came earlier this year."

That's probably a good thing, because the president/RLDS representative/entertainment



Dr. Clark Smith, last year's festival board president, returns for another term. He was entertainment coordinator, too. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

coordinator surely had his fill of activity in the final weeks before the festival. It was enough to make him glad of his extra year of experience, he said.

"I had a better idea of when things should be done," he said. "It worked out pretty well. In fact, we're now thinking of having the president as a two-year term instead of a one-year term."

Smith lives in Canton with his daughter and his wife, Kim, who wasn't thrilled with him repeating his role as president, he said.

"She really has been great," he said. "I could not have done this without her. She's taken on quite a load at home."

Festival board has some new faces

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eager new people. It's a pretty good mix."

Also, Smith has changed the philosophy of overseeing the festival building process, in order to give experience to remaining board members after he is no longer a part of the tradition, he said.

"I'm trying to do more out in the open, so everyone gets a chance to see what the

president of the board does. I want everyone to have a good idea of how to do the job, because by festival by-laws, I can't be president next year."

The 1996-97 Plymouth Fall Festival Board members are: Dr. Clark Smith, president, entertainment co-ordinator and RLDS representative; Barb Hanosh and John Herald, Canton Tennis; Nancy Baldwin, Mark Baldwin, Plymouth Rotary; Carolyn Simons,

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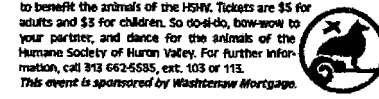
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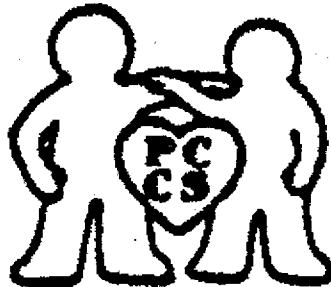
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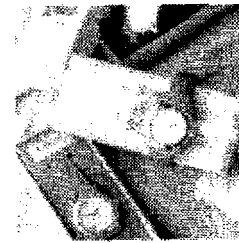
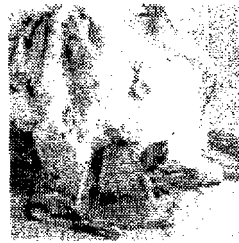


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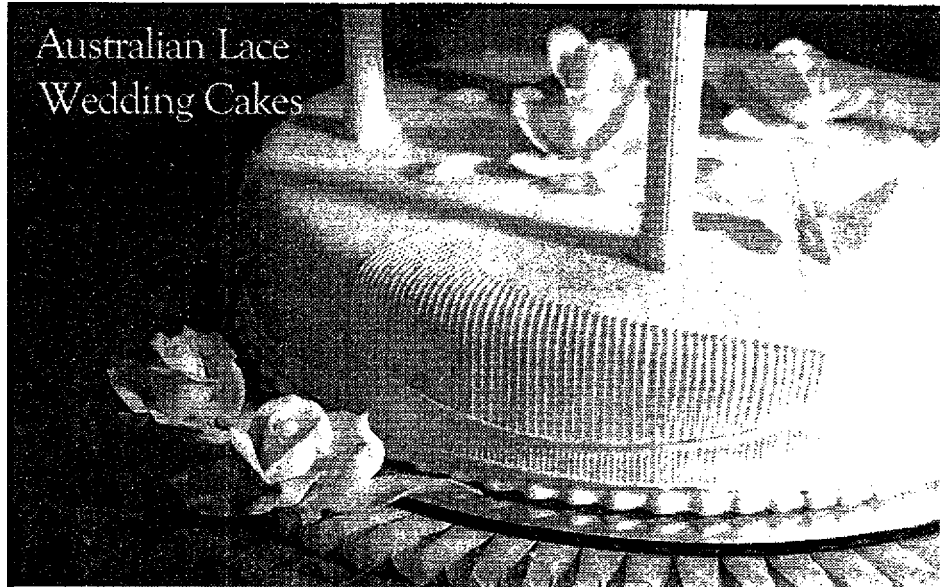
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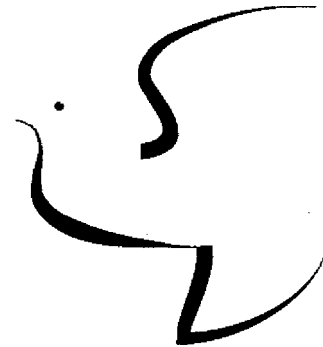
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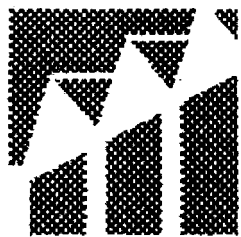
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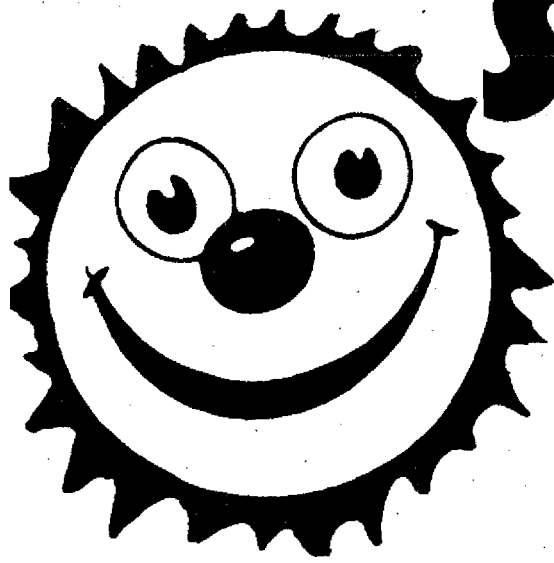
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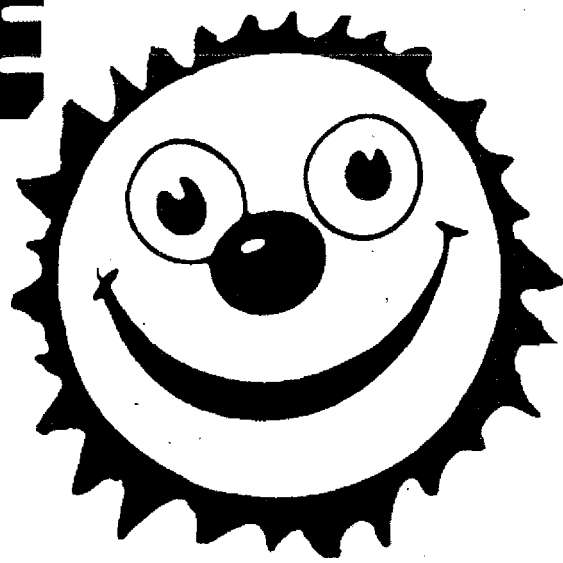
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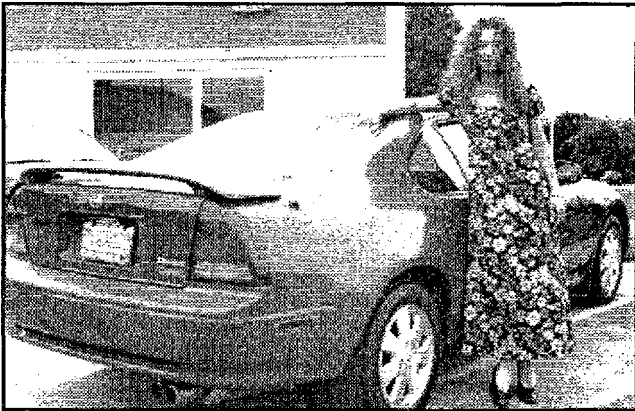
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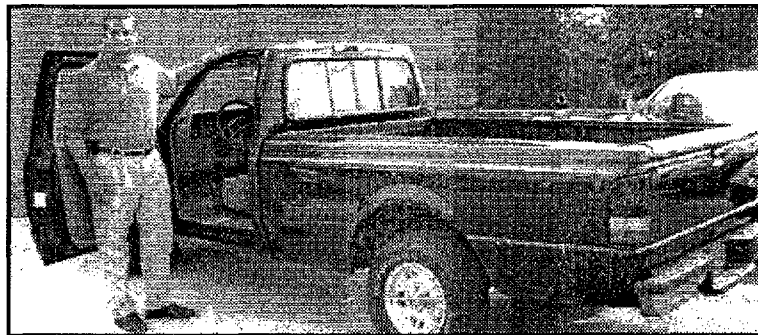
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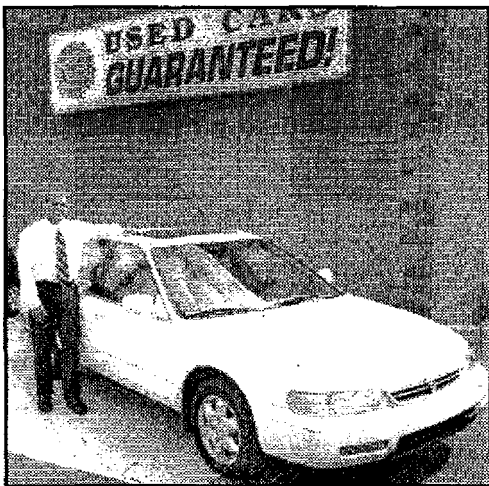
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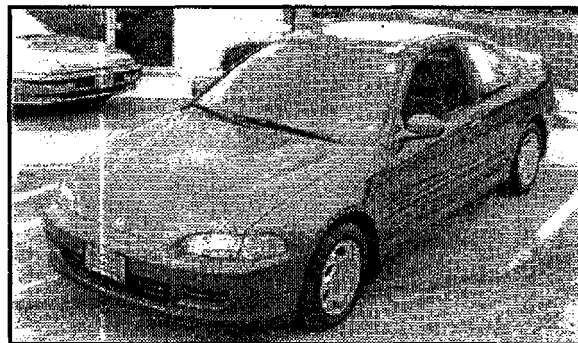
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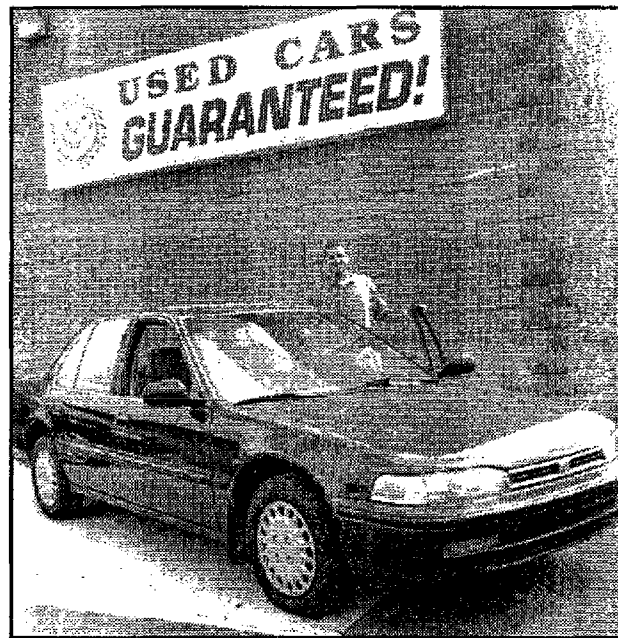
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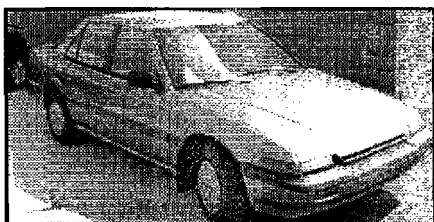
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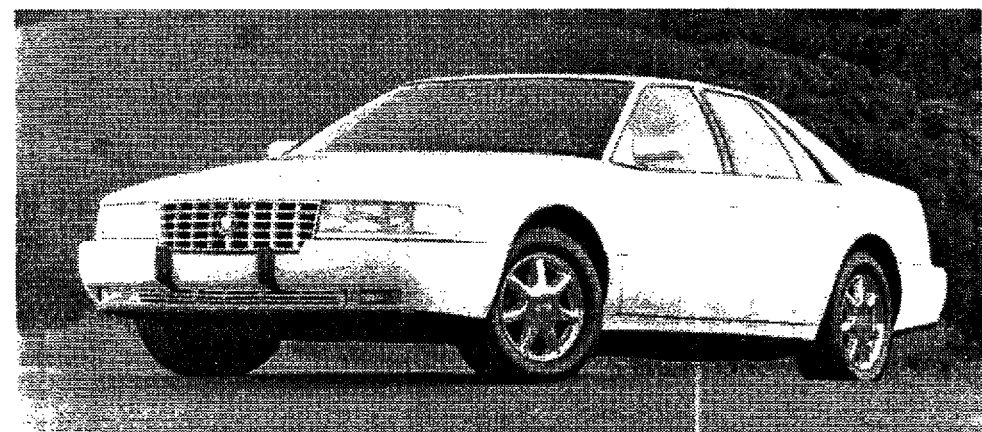
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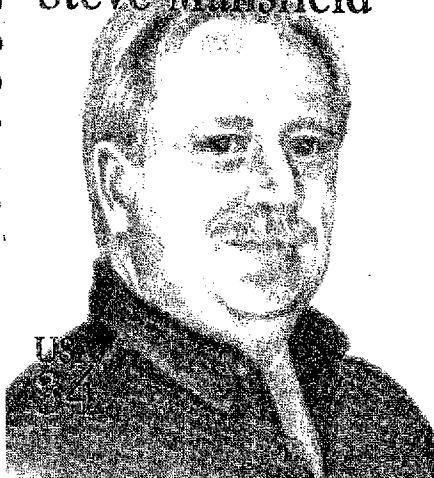
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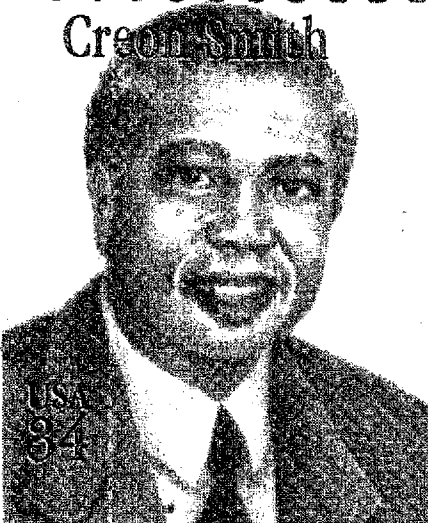
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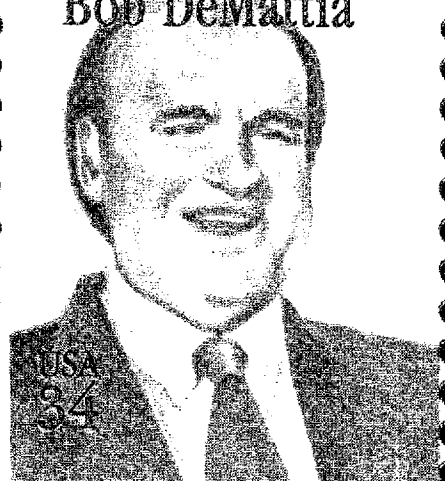


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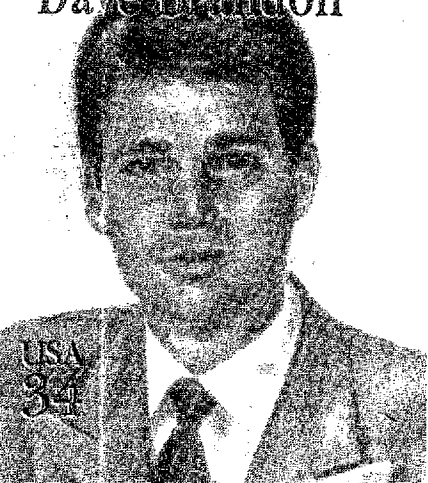
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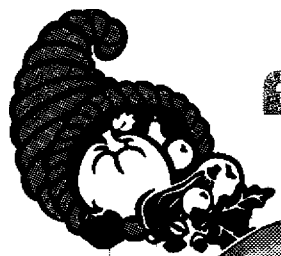
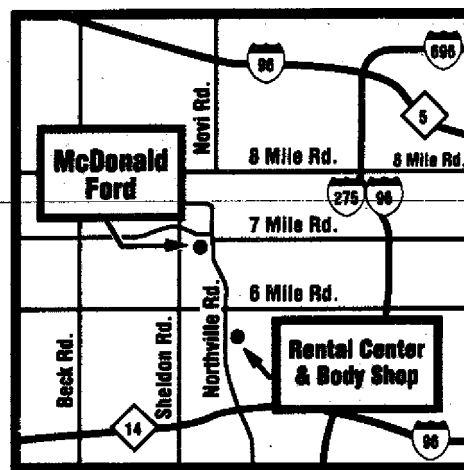


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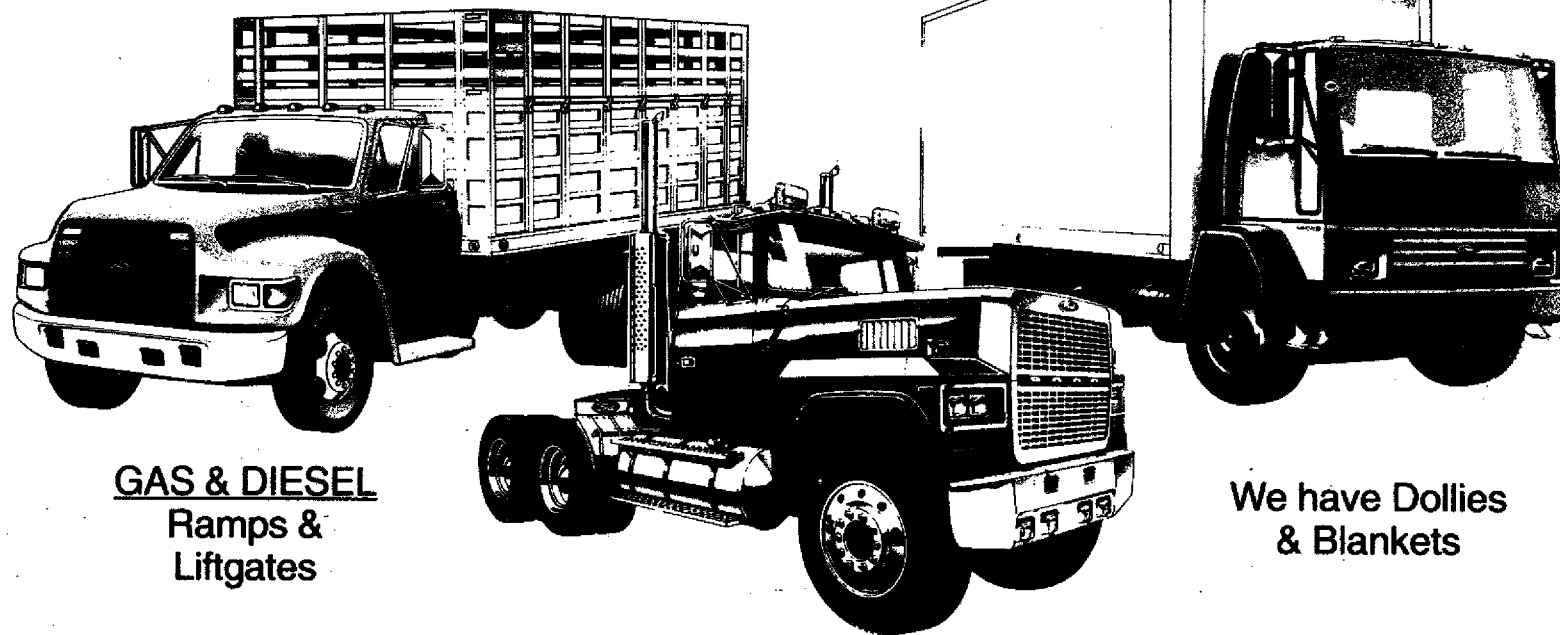
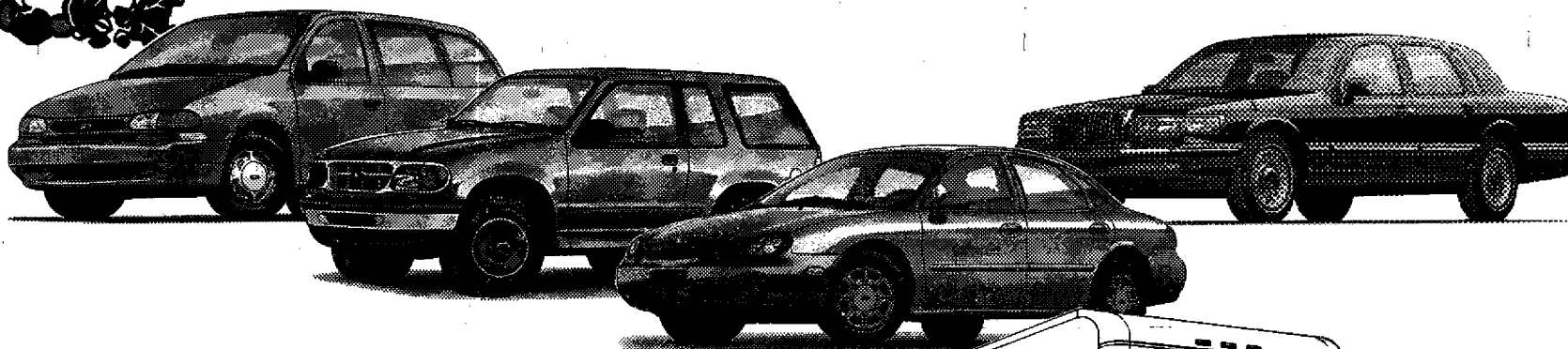
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The Crier's 1997 SALUTE TO PLYMOUTH-CANTON-NORTHVILLE

Top Leaders in Industry & Commerce

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Meet the movers and shakers of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community's industry and commerce.

The dozens of men and women on the following pages provide the daily leadership, entrepreneurship, and innovation that makes the Northwest corner of Wayne County one of the hottest business addresses in the Midwest.

How were these folks chosen to represent the community? The Crier staff asked a wide variety of community leaders to nominate Plymouth-Canton-Northville's most significant business leaders. Crier readers also nominated some of the honorees.

Being the biggest business of its type wasn't a guaranteed spot on the list. Being innovative, going beyond the call of duty, maintaining important traditions and principles, improving the community — those are traits that the honorees have.

A number of the honorees modestly pointed out that their accomplishments which are cited came because of their colleagues efforts as well. Also, in many cases, the honorees' contributions are a result of taking time away from business — thus their community service is also a product of support from others.

Was anyone overlooked or forgotten on this list?

Certainly.

It's inevitable that some were unavailable or unreachable, even though this project was a huge effort by Bryon Martin, Scott Spielman, Matt Hucal, Linda Kochanek, R. Alwood Jr., Amanda Humphrey, and Peter Broderick. Space and time limitations were also a factor.

And a very few nominees were so shy or uncooperative that their recognition will be saved for another edition.

All in all, this represents a fascinating collection of community business leaders. A mix that includes parent and child, husbands and wives, friends, competitors and colleagues. Note the diversity — for example how many women are notable in the Plymouths, Canton and Northvilles.

Congratulations to all the nominees on the following pages!

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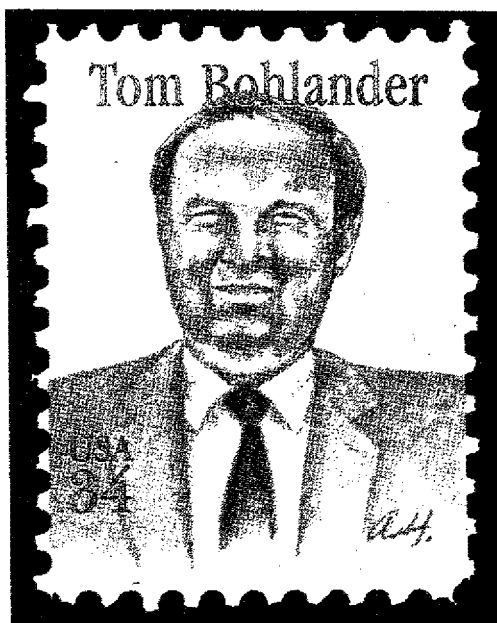
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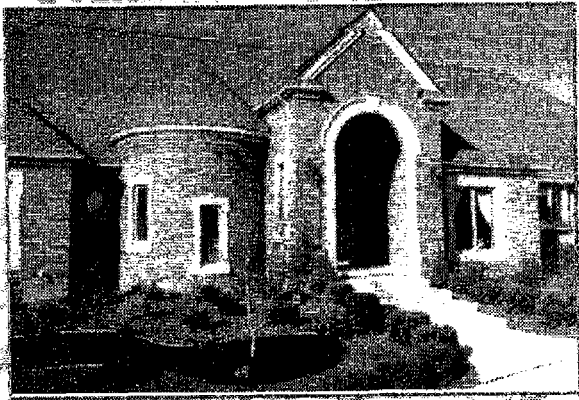
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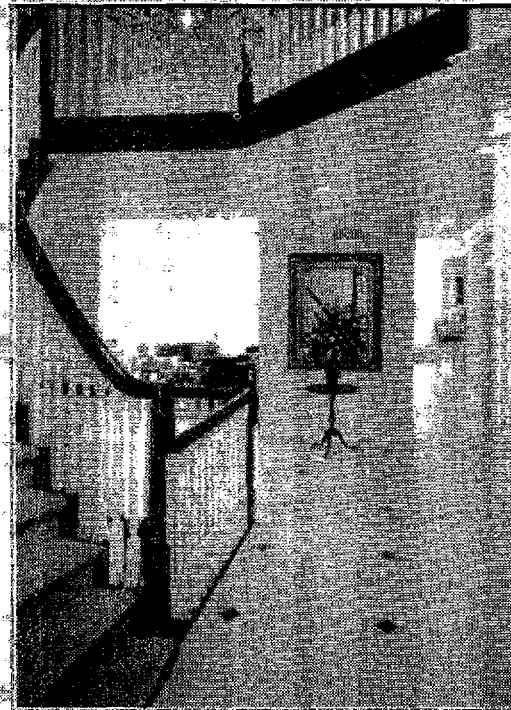
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Fred Hill

Ever wonder who leads the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team? It's the eponymous Hill, an associate broker at Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth.

Hill, 55, has been General of the popular drill team since 1985. The group has attended such events as the Fiesta Bowl, the Indianapolis 500, the parade held for the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings in June and many others.

Before working at Coldwell, Hill was in retail with his Plymouth shop Haberdashers, on Main Street from 1968-1991. During that time he also had a shop in the Mayflower Hotel, me and mr. jones, and me and mr. jones petite on Ann Arbor Trail.

This year was Hill's first as organizer of the Good Morning U.S.A. Parade in downtown Plymouth.

He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, is on the Downtown Development Authority, is a member and past president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and is past president of the United Way.

Hill has lived in Plymouth 29 years and has a son in Illinois and a daughter in Michigan.



Laurie Marris

Northville's Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce is an outgoing community woman named Laurie D. Marris.

Marris is a member of the Northville Rotary, Youth Forum, Partnership for Education Advisory Council, and the Wynwood of Northville Advisory.

She has chaired the Victorian Festival, and has been involved with her Township Centennial Committee and the Township Economic Commission.



Among her many accomplishments is winning the 1994-95 Rotarian of the Year and being past President of the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Marris has two daughters, Annie and Kelly.

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Bill Pike

There's one businessman in Plymouth Township whose job is essential to every other business in the area.

Bill Pike is the West Metro Area Manager of Consumer's Energy, making sure every business in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community has the power it needs to operate every day.

Pike, 51, is a graduate of Ferris State University. He holds BAs from Ferris in marketing and business

demonstration, and has completed many advanced business courses.

Pike is active in the Plymouth Chamber of commerce, and serves as chairman of one committee. He is also a member of a number of clubs and community service organizations.

Although his job is concerned with keeping people's houses powered, Pike is an outdoors enthusiast enjoying hunting and fishing in his spare time.

Bob Paciocco

Many people have built their own homes, but Bob Paciocco built his neighbor's, too.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

He was one of the local real estate developers to capitalize on the development boom of the '70s and '80s.

He has been selling and developing real estate for 30 years in Canton, Livonia and Pittsfield Township. Local developments that have his name on them are the Buckingham Palace subdivision in Canton, and the Beacon Meadow subdivision, of which he is a resident and homeowners association president.

Paciocco has also developed industrial sites in Canton, including the Staples building on Haggerty, the Capital Industrial Park on



Koppnick and Haggerty and the original American Yazaki buildings.

The site for Yazaki's future world headquarters was bought from Paciocco.

Before turning to development, Paciocco's company worked on underground sewer and water construction in the tri-county area.

Paciocco is also the president of the Canton Community Foundation. He is married, with three children and attends Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. John Neumann Churches.

Inga Zayti

It may not be Broadway, but one Northville business has ties to the famous strip of theaters in New York.

Inga Zayti, owner and artistic director of the Marquis Theatre, has turned a run-down movie house into a beautifully-restored live-performance children's theater — the only one of its kind in Michigan.

Zayti's operation offers an unparalleled opportunity for young actors and actresses. Several alumni

of the Marquis have moved on to the spotlight on Broadway. The Marquis also offers special opportunities to handicapped children, offering them the same stage presence as their peers.

Zayti was born in Switzerland, and studied there at a private school. After two years of college, she joined the Peace Corps, and spent the next four years of her life in Africa and India. While abroad, she taught children about acting and theater.

Karen Wilson

If you visit the office of one of P-C-N's top businesswomen, you may have to watch out for claymation frogs hunting your six-pack.

Anheuser-Busch's largest distributor in Southeast Michigan, Central Distributors of Beer, is headed up by Karen Wilson. As a business and community leader, Wilson is among the very best.

Wilson graduated from Michigan State University in 1967 with a BA in Elementary Education. In 1971, she accepted a position teaching preschool with the Utica Community Schools, where she helped create the district's Preschool Board.

In 1981, Wilson joined the crew at Central Distributors, heading up the company's "Dimensions of Excellence" program. Her work helped earn Central Distributors an

Mark Merlanti

One Canton man earned quite a bit of respect for being appointed to the Canton Plymouth Mettetal Airport board as an opponent to the airport itself.

So much respect, in fact, that he was later elected chairman of..... the board.

Appointed as Canton's representative to the board, Mark Merlanti has earned a name for himself through his dedicated service.

Bob Boyer

He's responsible for bringing the Nation Archery Association's (NAA) National Championship back to Canton next year, and he's not a politician or NAA employee.

He's Bob Boyer, and his Thursday night barbeque in Heritage Park cemented the decision to keep the nation's largest archery tournament in Canton.

Boyer, a Canton resident, has owned and operated Boyer's Meat Processing in Canton for 14 years. And he's done it well enough to win the Small Business Person of the Year award for 1997.

One of the township's official and unofficial ambassadors, Boyer spends time as head of the Ambassador's Committee and a Fire Station Ambassador. For those who don't know what a fire station ambassador is, it's someone who talks to different



Ambassador Award from Anheuser-Busch each year from 1984 to 1995.

Wilson progressed through the ranks of the company, Vice-President and part owner in 1984. In 1991, she assumed her current position.

Wilson is involved in numerous community organizations. She is the President of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Directors, a member of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, and an avid supporter of Plymouth's annual Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Merlanti is an attorney with the Southfield firm Bassey and Selesko, P.C., and has been in the business for 14 years.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University, and received a law degree from MSU in 1983 as well.

Merlanti lives in Canton with his wife, Denise. The Merlantis have four children: Morgan, Meredith, Madison and McKenna. The family attends St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.



groups about Canton's new fire station.

Boyer has served on the Chamber of Commerce's board of directors and on the membership drive. A charter member of Canton's Lions Club, he also started the Special Person Fishing Derby with Monroe Schools, a program that gets children with disabilities an opportunity to go fishing.

He and Carol, his wife of 40 years have three children.

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Joan Noricks

Before her position as Executive Director of the Canton Community Foundation, she made a different kind of foundation — a family.

Noricks describes herself as a full time mom. She is very active with her church, Trinity Presbyterian. She has also held every position in and the Plymouth-Canton School Counsel, which she has served on since 1984.

Noricks' hands are certainly full, for she spends her time with the Community Youth Initiative and

Character Counts. She serves on the quality of life committee, and is a co-chair of the performing arts center development committee.

She was voted Canton's Woman of the Year in 1992. In her spare time, Noricks attends school herself. She earned an associates of arts degree in May of 1996 and is currently studying business management at the University of Michigan in Dearborn. She has made the Dean's List every semester since returning to school.

Noricks lives in Canton, and has been married to her husband Dennis for 25 years.

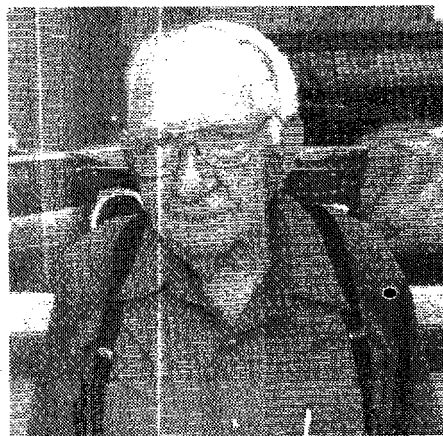
Mike Allen

As Mayor, Mike Allen saw Northville business grow from 1958-1977.

Malcolm "Mike" Allen started as an apprentice mason on the day that Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated.

In his business, Allen Monuments, he carved cemetery memorials. He moved to Northville in 1935 and started his business in 1937.

During his more than 60 years in the Northville business community, he was a member of the Historical District, the Downtown Development Authority and President of the Area Economic Development Association. He is a Rotary member and a member of



the historical village.

Things have changed in Northville since Allen, 83, was Mayor; the city didn't even parking spaces during his tenure.

He and his wife, Betty Jean have a son, 60, and a daughter, 58.

Greg Presley

Over the last twelve years, Greg Presley has built a history of success in his business and his community.

Presley's architectural firm has offices in Boyne City and Hong Kong, but is based out of Northville where Presley specializes in the restoration of historic structures.

His expertise has lead him to involvement with a variety of community-focused projects, most notably as co-founder of the Northville Victorian Festival and spearhead of the city's Mainstreet '93 project, which changed the look of the downtown's streets.

The impact of these activities is matched by the variety of his other endeavors: Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, amateur tri-athlete and

musician, and chair of a study on industrial refuse. He is also director of the Downtown Development Authority, a member of the Northville Historic Society board, chamber of commerce and Rotary.

Even with the demands on his time made by such activities, the City of Northville slowed him down enough to name him Citizen of the Year 1992.

✪ 48 years of age, Presley's successes are many, but the history is certain to grow.

He lives with his wife of 13 years, Lois, with his daughters Emily, 11, and Anica, 5.

Peter Karmanos

Co-founder of Compuware Corporation, he expands computer and hockey networks.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Peter Karmanos, Jr is Plymouth's Mr. Hockey.

Karmanos, the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of Compuware Corporation is a co-owner of the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes and the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers.

Compuware is headquartered in Farmington Hills. It develops and sells an integrated line of software products. In 25 years under Karmanos' leadership, Compuware has become Michigan's fifth largest exporter, offering more than 60 software products to customers in dozens of countries.

Employing more than 7,200 people, Compuware is one of the



largest resources in North America in the developing field of open, networked computing systems.

Karmanos was also responsible for bringing the Detroit Whalers to Plymouth, by building Compuware Arena, a 4,000 seat facility with two rinks. Located at M-14 and Beck Road, the arena is also open to public skaters and other youth teams Karmanos has sponsored through Compuware since 1974.

He was educated at Wayne State University in Detroit, and is a member of American Mensa, Ltd.

Karmanos lives in the Detroit area with his wife, Debra.

Larry Bird

As a past member of Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority, Larry Bird is partially responsible for Plymouth's resurging business district.

Doubly so since his store Gabriela's, is one of the anchor businesses along Main Street.

The home accents store, opened in 1987, has grown rapidly: moving from Penniman to Main, and expanding out and down into one of the town's most thriving businesses.

Gabriela's was voted the 86th fastest growing business in 1995 in a survey by the Detroit News and Roney and Company. It was also chosen three times as a Gifts and Decorating Accessories Award winner, sponsored by Gifts and Decorating Accessories trade magazine.

Bird is a member of Plymouth's Chamber of Commerce and has sat on the retail committee. He is affiliated with the DDA and was a member of the streetscape and



promotion committees.

Bird is currently seeking to move back into Plymouth from his current Canton address.

He is single, and attends First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He enjoys rollerblading, Whaler hockey and movies.



Carleigh Flaharty

After her first year working in The Plymouth-Canton Community, the Canton Chamber of Commerce Executive holds strong ties to local businesses.

Among her roles as executive director is to develop and maintain relations with the business community, members, staff and the greater community at large.

She also develops the budget according to program goals and oversees all financial operations.

The Berkley resident was previously employed with the Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce in Seattle, WA



before coming to Michigan.

Currently, Flaharty is a member of the Leadership Canton Steering Committee, Community Youth Initiative Steering Committee, Canton Rotary Club, Character Counts Steering Committee, and chairs the Character Counts Business/Civic Sector Committee.

Doug Kitze

Just about anyway you look at it, he's flying high.

Kitze, 57, has operated his own business, Kitze Aviations, out of Mettetal Airport since 1971. The business has survived the airport's own near-crash experience, when it was almost closed before the State of Michigan bought it in the early '90s, and everything that could befall an airport business, including the installation of a Doppler Radar tower next door.

Kitze Aviations offers all manner of service for pilots,

would-be pilots, and flying afficanados alike from a flight school to sight-seeing tours to a full maintenance shop.

Running the business seven days a week in addition to managing the airport, a position he has held for the past three years takes all of Kitze's time. He also represents Mettetal at board meetings, where representatives from P-C-N and MDOT Bureau of Transportation discuss aspects of running the state-owned facility.

Kitze is single, with two children. He lives in Livonia.

Bob Klein

When it comes to check imaging systems, Klein and Kern go hand in hand.

Bob Klein created much of the hardware and software that went into Unisys's check imaging system, which is used in businesses everywhere checks are sent to make payments.

His current title is Project Manager at Unisys. He holds 11 patents through Unisys that relate to developing the check imaging software. Klein was the head of the group that researched picture enhancement and image compressment techniques.



He has worked at Unisys for 19 years in various plants including Wayne County and Florida.

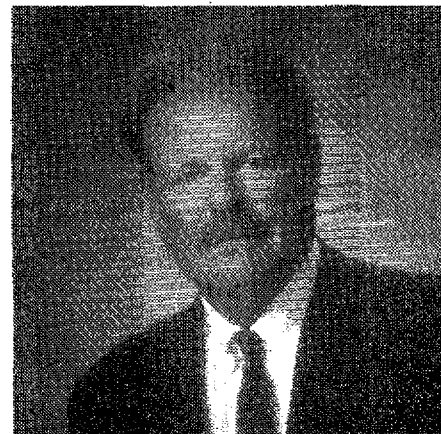
Klein, 46, lives in Farmington Hills with his wife Martha. They have two children, Lisa and David.

Rick Birdsall

When the 35th District Courthouse met its fate, this Northville man was on the case trying to find the hall of justice a new home before the last flames were out.

Rick Birdsall, an Industrial Realtor with Signature Associates in Southfield, is a civic leader in the truest sense. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Birdsall is active at many levels of his community.

He is a member of the Northville Planning Commission, director of Northville's Baseball/Softball Association, and director of the Wayne County



Sherriff's Youth Education Fund.

Birdsall and his wife Diana have three children: Ricky, Bradley and Brittany. The Birdsall's are members of Our Lady of Victory church.

Birdsall is also a member of the Bayview Yacht Club and the Old Goats Society. An avid sailor, he has participated in more than 25 Port Huron-to-Mackinac races.

Norm Kern

Patents he developed are among the reasons why Unisys boomeranged back into Plymouth.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Kern's patents play a big part in the success of Unisys in Plymouth. He is one of the movers and shakers behind the scenes at one of the biggest plants in The P-C-N Community.

Kern has worked at Unisys for 28 years, starting as a systems representative in Minneapolis.

Although the Birmingham resident's current title is Director of Customer and Business Excellence at Unisys, he is responsible for nine U.S. patents on image processing for payment applications (layman's translation: a high-speed check proofing system; it increases the speed and accuracy with which checks can be processed at places like banks and and store, or anywhere checks are used for payment.



Kern's invention helped keep Unisys in Plymouth, although he claims he only helped solve the problem of making check processing quicker and more accurate and gives some credit to his partner, Bob Klein.

Kern is also active in the Michigan Quality Council. He spends some of his spare time tossing boomerangs around. As a member of United States Boomerang Association, he recently took part in a national competition, where he placed first in the speed category — he had the fastest time for five consecutive throws and returns.

Kern, 50, has been married for to his wife, Trina for 18 years. They have three sons and one daughter. He attends First Open Bible Church in Pontiac.



Kal Jabara

The success of Plymouth's Wild Wings gallery isn't surprising if you know the businessman behind it.

Kal Jabara's first job was helping in his family-owned grocery business back in 1946. In 1960, he purchased half of the Steel Plate company in Plymouth which helped pave the way for his future endeavors.

He has prospered in various real estate dealings including restaurants

and hotels. Later in 1980, he founded the Wildlife Galleries of Michigan, currently operating galleries in Plymouth and Rochester.

It's impossible to name all the organizations he's been affiliated with, such as the Plymouth Rotary club, Plymouth YMCA, Plymouth Symphony, and serving as president for many.

He was honored as 1983 Plymouth Retailer of the Year.

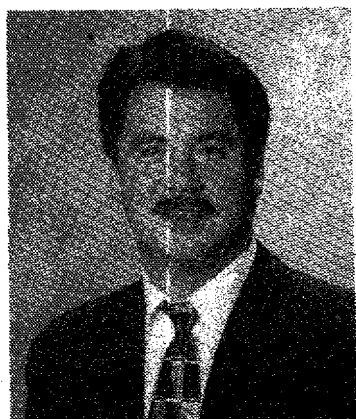
He and his wife Julia have two sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren.

Mike Ferrantino

Quality is important in every business, but one Plymouth Township man has made quality in the environment the focus of his business.

Michael J. Ferrantino, Jr. has worked in the environmental services industry for 13 years. He has worked his way up to his current position as President and CEO of The Environmental Quality Company and all of its related entities.

From 1992 to 1996, he served on the Board of Directors for the group of companies, all of which are family-owned. This year, he



led a group of the company's executives in purchasing the company.

Ferrantino is a Dearborn native, and currently lives in Plymouth Township. He is a graduate of the Detroit College of Business, as well as Eastern Michigan University.

He is also an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting and any other outdoor activity in his spare time.

Margaret Chmielewski

She's got a career in East Lansing, a state council position in Lansing, classes in Detroit and a family in Plymouth, but what does she do with her spare time?

Eat and sleep.

The days are full for Chmielewski, and if she's not busy working here, she's probably on her way to work there.

Chmielewski drives about 70 miles to and from Michigan State University every day. As Director of the Office of Programs for Handicapper Students, she works to maximize the independence of

people with disabilities, and their connection with MSU and its resources.

In August, Governor John Engler appointed her to the Statewide Independent Living Council, which focuses on issues and concerns of Michigan citizens with disabilities.

She's also working on a doctoral degree in instructional technology at Wayne State University.

She's a founding member of St. John Neuman Church in Canton, has participated in several organizations and has lead and in several seminars.

When Chmielewski isn't at work or in transit, her home is in Plymouth where she lives with her husband James, son, Mark, and daughter, Beth.

Dave Brandon

When it comes to business success stories, Dave Brandon has cornered the market.

BY PETER J. BRODERICK

In 1979, Brandon left a post at Proctor and Gamble to join George F. Valassis and Co. — a business that later became Valassis Communications, Inc. The company is best known for its success in the market of free-standing inserts, the advertisements and circulars that appear in most Sunday newspapers.

Brandon worked his way up the ranks at Valassis, all the while doing whatever he could to promote growth and lead the company to bigger and better profits.

In 1986 Valassis was bought by Consolidated Press Holdings (CPH), an international media conglomerate.

Brandon took over as Chairman, President and CEO of Valassis in 1989, and in 1992 the company was taken public. It is abbreviated



on the New York Stock Exchange as VCI. Two years ago, Valassis moved its color stripping operations to a new facility in Plymouth Township.

Brandon grew up in South Lyon and attended South Lyon high school. He later received a football scholarship to the University of Michigan where he played under famed coach Bo Schembechler, and was a member of U of M's 1972 Rose Bowl team.

Brandon lives in Plymouth Township with his wife Jan and their four children: Scott, Chris, Nick and Carli. The Brandon's are members of Dixboro Methodist Church.

Ed Draugelis

He's made his rounds through different roles in the community in recent years.

Draugelis, a senior lawyer at the law firm of Draugelis & Ashton, lists the position of former city attorney and municipal judge as his prior sources of employment.

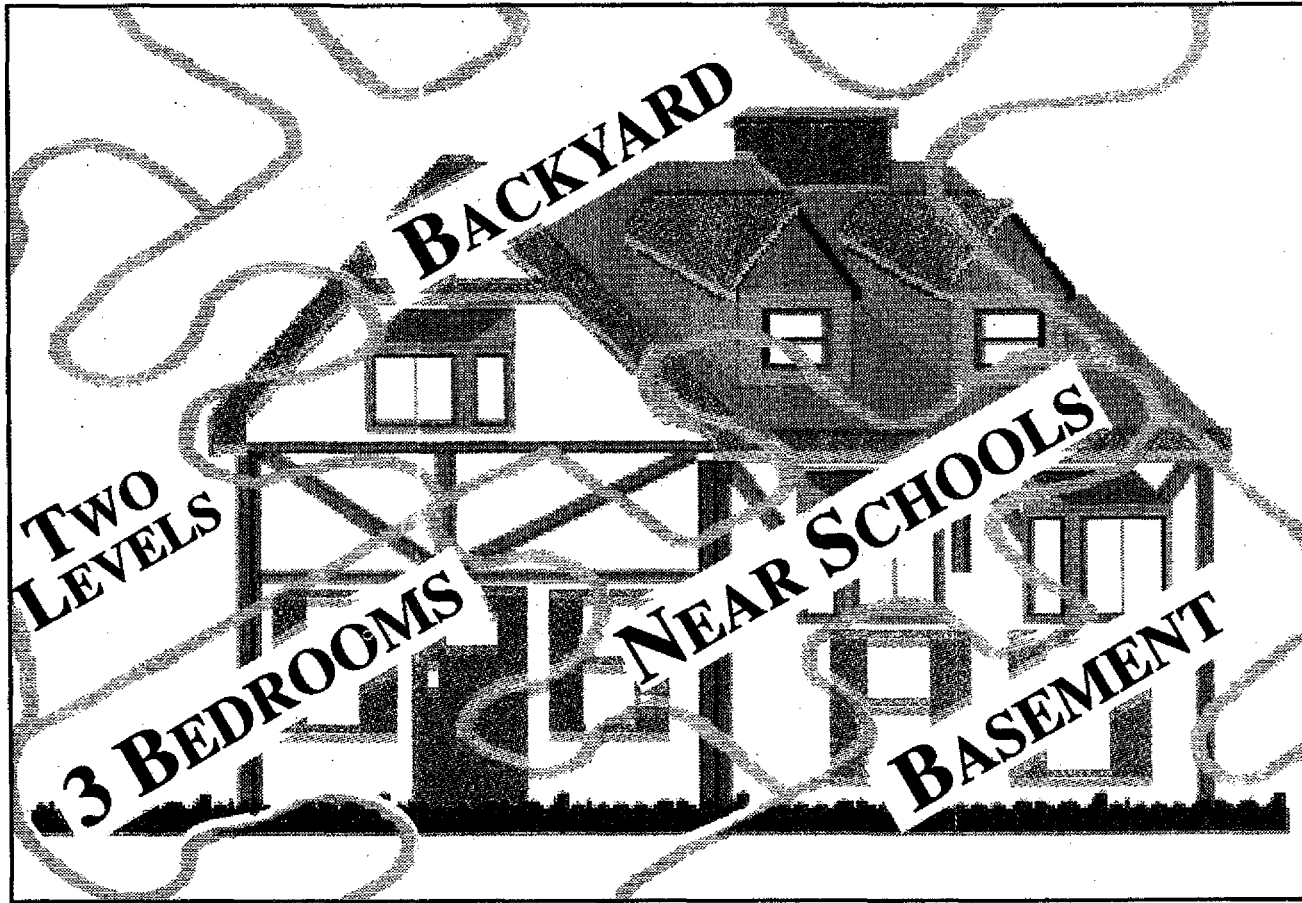
Draugelis, 69, said that he is currently "a working lawyer, part-time writer, gardner and philosopher."

The former Rotarian said he really enjoys creative writing.

If not at home in Novi spending time with his wife Diane, Draugelis helps with such community groups as Growth Works, the Community Arts Council, YMCA, and Little League baseball.



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Jack Armstrong

He's out and about visiting businesses throughout P-C-N, selling their success, and his own.

He's a salesman, and what he sells is results: Armstrong is Advertising Director at The Community Crier.

Success in his position only comes when his clients are happy with their service and results from their ads.

Among mailed-in ballots, only one other nominee received more than Armstrong.

He's a member of local chambers

Gary Van Buren

The president of Van Buren electric lights up his community in more than one way.

He is the president or vice president of seven Michigan corporations, and is the owner and operator of Perfecta Farm in Salem Township. He races horses for both profit and pleasure.

Other memberships include the

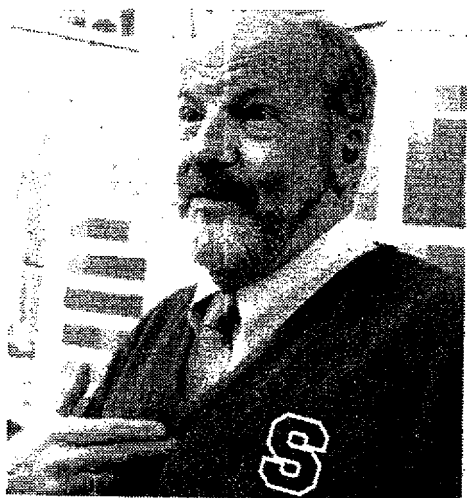
Phyllis Wordhouse

Widely published, frequently interviewed, quoted, on television, radio and in national publications and papers, she's well known.

But not only through media saturation.

She is also the President of three firms: Wordhouse Financial Planning, Wordhouse Financial Education, and Wordhouse and Associates insurance agency. All of which are time investments keeping her continually busy.

She is a college level financial educator and has received her BA in Education from Calvin College and her Masters in Special Education from Eastern Michigan University. Her professional CFP credentials were



of commerce and Business Network International.

He has one son, two daughters and a granddaughter, Emma Rose.

He enjoys golf and is an avid fan of college sports.

Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Wayne/Oakland County Reciprocal Examining Board and the Garden City/City of Plymouth Electrical Appeals Board.

His business is based in the City of Plymouth, his home in the township.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



awarded by the National Speakers Association, Institute for Certified Financial Planning, and the International Association for Financial Planning.

In 1993 she was honored as the broker/dealer's top financial planner in the USA, and in 1995 she was presented the Athena Award by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

She and her husband Jerry have four children and she is known for her interest in art shows.

Margaret Zayti

If you were to ask Margaret Zayti how to succeed in business you may be surprised at her answer on how to get on the right track

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

Slow and steady wins the race.

Starting out as a temporary clerk in 1946, Zayti now is a Northville Downs partner and recording secretary. Since her humble beginning, no other employee has been there as long as she.

Even though she is one of Northville's largest employers she can still name every one of her employees.

Zayti is also the vice president and stockholder in J.J. Zayti Trucking, Inc. She's worked for

the United Fund directing the local business drive and was active in the Northville Chamber of Commerce as secretary for 11 years.

At the race track she is the decision maker in a usually male-dominated profession.

While raising her three children she became a successful businesswoman in the Northville area.

She's a spokesperson for the state horse and gaming industry and is an active member in her community.



Walter Menard

The family business of building dream homes began with a dream of his own.

Walter Menard doesn't just build houses, he builds custom homes, some that border on spectacle.

Menard, working with his wife, Mary, and daughters Molly and Mellissa, specializes in construction that tailors the building to his customers' specifications.

That homes he has built include indoor swimming pools, or are designed around the client's art collection say more about them than a dollar figure could. They're Menard-Built homes.

And it was building the first "Menard home" that lead he and

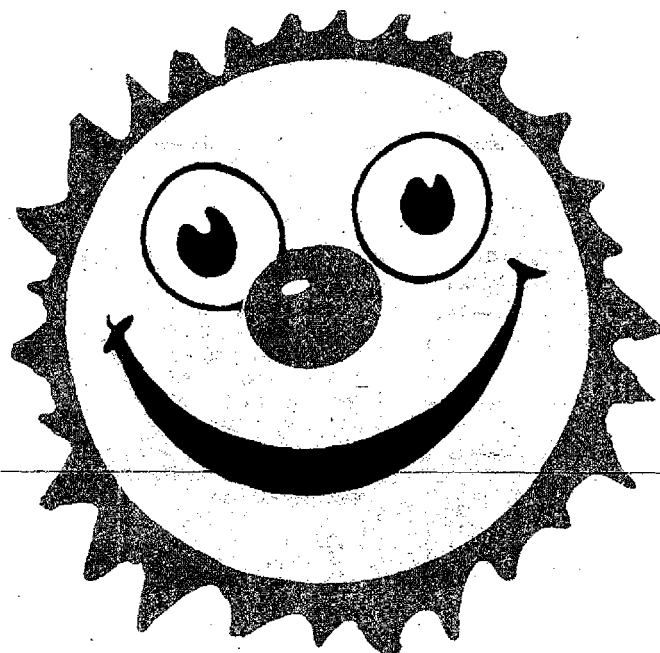


his wife to specialize in custom-home construction.

He and Mary, both licensed builders, built their own custom home in the '70s. Their success, he says, lead to requests by

who saw the Menards' home.

His home and offices are located in Plymouth Township.



98 Accord a Big Hit

“In lieu of the best-selling car honor this year we’re giving the new Accord four big stars, our highest recommendation.”

Detroit News August 27

“Honda makes quantum leap with ‘98 Accord”

USA Today August 27

	1998 Accord	1997 Accord	1997 Camry	1997 Taurus
Length	188.6	185.6	188.5	197.5
Wheelbase	106.9	106.9	105.2	108.5
Width	70.3	70.1	70.1	73.0
Height	56.9	55.1	55.4	55.1
Weight	2,976	2,855	2,975	3,326
Base engine	2.3 liter T-4	2.2-liter T-4	2.2-liter	3.0-Liter
Power	150 hp	130 hp	133 hp	145 hp
Passenger volume	101.7 cu ft.	94.7 cu ft.	94.7cu	101.0cu ft.
Trunk space	14.1 cu ft.	13.0cu ft.	n/a	15.8 cu ft.

“Simply put, the redesign makes the 1998 Accord the best family sedan in the class”

Detroit News August 27

See the new Accord coming September 25

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Statistics

In one of Michigan's fastest growing and changing communities, The Crier's Salute to Industry & Commerce helps keep track of change with the statistics page. Each year, the page outlines several aspects of the community, and tracks the dynamics of our hometowns.

GENERAL INFORMATION & STATE EQUALIZED VALUE (SEV)

CANTON

Population: 67,924
Residential Units: 25,369
Government: Charter Township
Governing Body: Board of Trustees

SEV:
1997: \$1,592,305,807
 1990: \$774,130,580
 1987: \$545,022,970

NORTHVILLE

Population: 6,226
Residential Units: 2600
Government: Home rule city charter
Governing Body: City Council

SEV:
1997: \$243,378,830
 1990: \$139,666,215
 1987: \$80,594,840

NORTHVILLE TWP.

Population: 20,336
Residential Units: 8,200
Government: Charter Township
Governing Body: Board of Trustees

SEV:
1997: \$710,380,501
 1990: \$284,209,706
 1987: \$220,354,110

PLYMOUTH

Population: 9,560
Residential Units: 3,282
Government: Home rule city charter
Governing Body: City Commission

SEV:
1997: \$293,526,720
 1990: \$201,057,330
 1987: \$152,815,170

PLYMOUTH TWP.

Population: 23,686
Residential Units: 8,761
Government: Charter Township
Governing Body: Board of Trustees

SEV:
1997: \$1,090,888,452
 1990: \$697,833,730
 1986: \$387,598,920

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



Northville School District

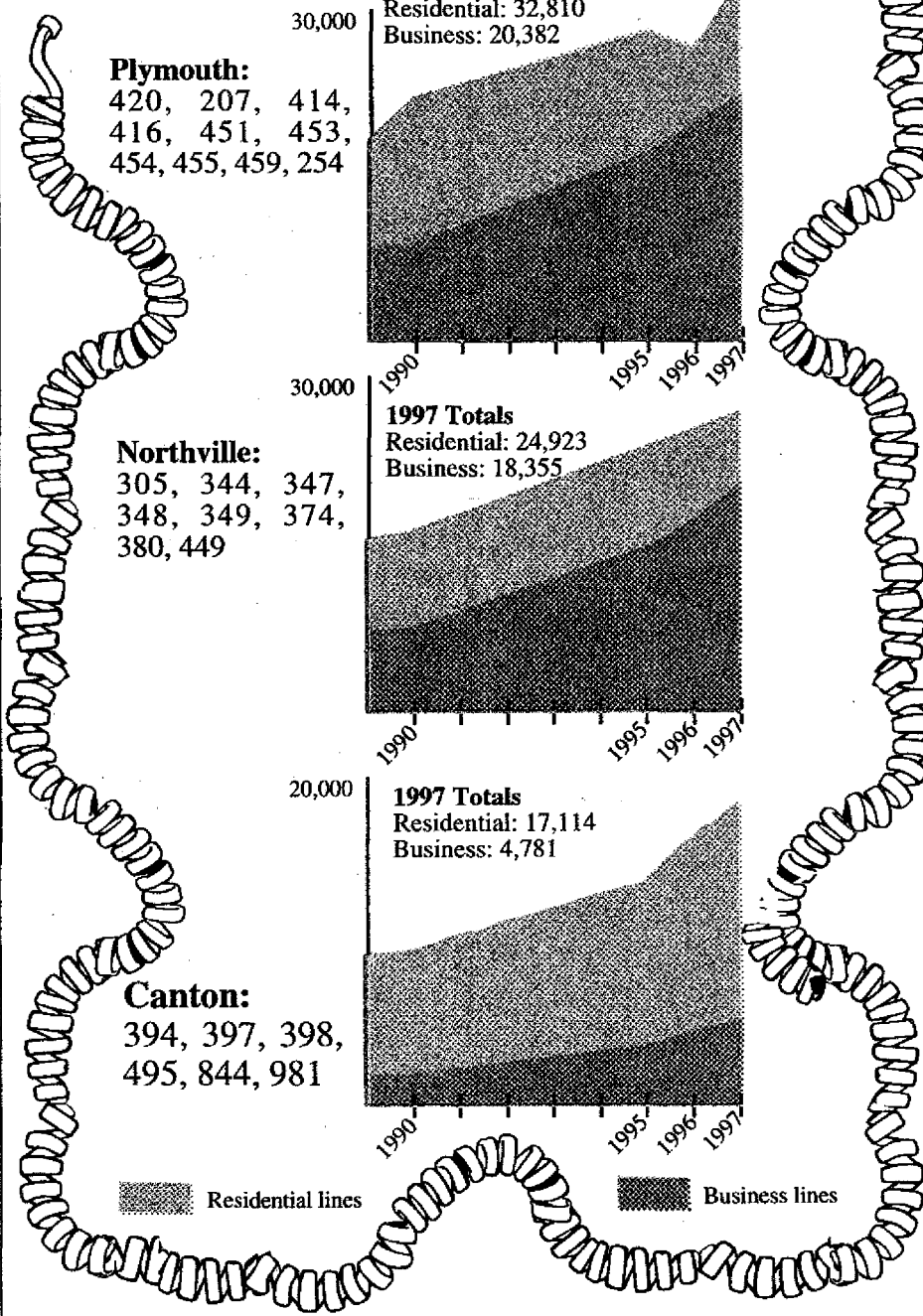
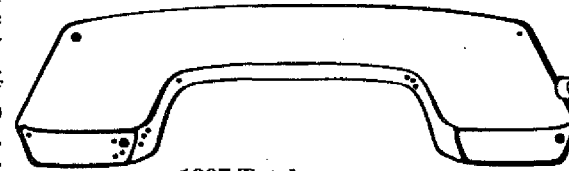
1996-97: 4,933
 1995-96: 4,499
 1994-95: 4,304
 1993-94: 4,163
 1992-93: 4,141
 1991-92: 4,021
 1990-91: 3,859

Plymouth-Canton School District

1996-97: 15,613
 1995-96: 15,428
 1994-95: 15,008
 1993-94: 14,855
 1992-93: 14,845
 1991-92: 14,948
 1990-91: 14,931

TELEPHONE INFORMATION

Constant growth in telephone service has caused another change in area codes. By the first of the year, many 810 numbers will be 248, and some 313 lines will become 734.



TOP 10 TAXPAYERS

Canton:

- 1) K-Mart
- 2) Detroit Edison
- 3) Mich Con
- 4) Steel Technologies
- 5) American Yazaki
- 6) Procoil Corp.
- 7) Crossings of Canton
- 8) Village Squire Apts.
- 9) Meisel-Sysco
- 10) Toys-R-Us

Northville:

- 1) Northville Downs
- 2) Detroit Edison
- 3) Singh Development
- 4) MI. Assoc. of Gift Salesman
- 5) Treetop Properties
- 6) McDonald Ford
- 7) Consumers Power
- 8) Shopping Center Market
- 9) Gordon Management
- 10) Foundry Flask

Northville Twp:

- 1) Optical Imaging Systems
- 2) Mark Jacobson & Assoc.
- 3) DNR — Maybury St. Park
- 4) Detroit Edison
- 5) Kings Mill Cooperative
- 6) Consumers Power
- 7) Meijers
- 8) Northville Retail Center
- 9) Innsbrook-Sierra Assoc.
- 10) Swan Harbour Assoc.

Plymouth:

- 1) Redi Inc.
- 2) Detroit Edison
- 3) Tenneco Packaging Corp.
- 4) Loc Performance
- 5) E & E Manufacturing
- 6) Adistra/Colwell Corp
- 7) Huron Arbor Corp.
- 8) Dick Scott Dodge
- 9) Plymouth Towne Apts.
- 10) Consumers Power

Plymouth Twp:

- 1) Ford Motor Company
- 2) Johnson Controls
- 3) Unisys
- 4) Detroit Edison
- 5) Winkelmans
- 6) A-line Plastics
- 7) Spartan Warehouse
- 8) Demco LTD Partnership
- 9) Consumers Power
- 10) Vico Products

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William Ross

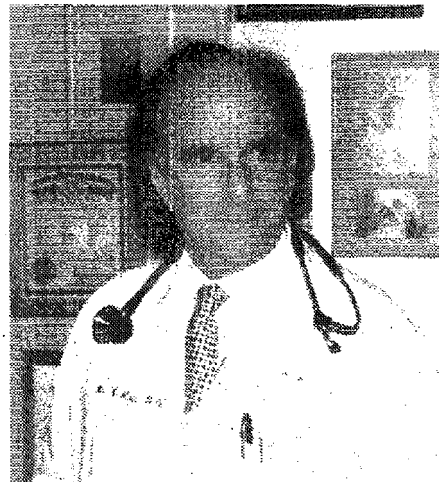
Ann Arbor Road was still a two-land highway when he opened his Plymouth clinic.

And since then, Ross has a thirty-year history of taking care of families in general practice. Having such an extent of professional experience is enough to earn patients' and colleagues' respect.

But it is that respect that he gives to others by which he is known; respect and courtesy, as much as technology, are important in treating patients.

Peer interaction is too, and Ross is connected to a number of institutions and professional organizations.

He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, and the Wayne County Osteopathic



Association. His offices in Plymouth, Ypsilanti and Garden City are all affiliated with Botsford General Hospital and Health Match.

When not practicing himself, he's showing interns how it's done. Ross is Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Michigan State University.

He and his wife, Florine Mark, live in Plymouth.

Bruce Mirto

His business is squashed, nearly hidden, between two large businesses on Main Street, just northwest of Penniman Avenue.

But Bruce Mirto has been a visible and influential Plymouth businessman, running Mirto & Co. since 1968.

Mirto's company specializes in insurance and financial counseling for individuals and businesses.

Mirto, 51, a Plymouth resident since 1953, graduated from Plymouth High School in 1963. He graduated from University of Detroit in 1967 and the American College of Life Underwriters in Bryn Mawr, PA in



1974.

He is now a chartered life underwriter, a licensed insurance counselor and a registered representative with Jackson National Financial Services, Inc.

Mirto and wife, Carolyn, have two children: Heather, 26, and Erin, 23.



Plymouth — an annual event in which people from the business community interact — a success. The event attracted about 600 people this year.

Seestadt resides in Livonia with his wife, Colleen.

Bob Seestadt

The vice president and branch manager of NBD bank in Plymouth, was recently recognized for his role in the local business community.

He earned the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year award last month.

Seestadt, 52, is also the chamber's president-elect and is co-chair of the chamber's 1997 annual meeting and auction.

He has helped make Showcase

Dan LeBlond

As a community volunteer, this Plymouth resident rates near the top of the list. But how can you compete with someone who's donated more than seven gallons of blood to the American Red Cross?

LeBlond, 53, recently retired from Ford Motor Company after 22 years, but continues as community relations committee secretary for the Ford Sheldon Road Plant.

As past president of the Plymouth Community United Way and current president of the Plymouth Historical

Society and Museum, LeBlond contributed to the installation of their first computer systems.

He is treasurer of Plymouth's Growth Works, Inc. and has been on their board of directors for 23 years.

For more than 23 years he's been a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 and was a volunteer firefighter for the Plymouth Township Fire Department from 1973-77.

LeBlond attends Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth and he and his wife, Margaret, serve in a pre-marriage program for the church.

LeBlond and his wife have two sons, Dave and Chris.

Sharon Pugh

Trained as a nurse and now she sells toys; something has gone sideways in Sharon Pugh's career.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

But that's not to say she's been unsuccessful. Quite the opposite. When she took over Sideways at the age of 33, the business was nine months old, and contained in 1,000 square feet.

It's now 20 years later, and Sideways has quintupled in size, thanks partially to Pugh's business savvy, innovations and artistic touches.

There are several unique areas in Sideways, including a Grandma Gifts for Children section, which features collectibles for adults and higher-end toys for children of all ages. It is also a popular stop on Plymouth's annual Art-rageous Walk.

Before taking over the store, Pugh developed commercial real



estate property. She is active outside of her shop as well, as chairperson of the Downtown Business Association.

When she's not giving her store a new artistic touch or attending accessories shows across the nation looking for new products, Pugh spends time with various activities, such as the Chamber of Commerce, serving as a board member and retail committee chairperson.

She also serves on the board of the Plymouth Housing Commission. She attends First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth and lives above her store with her husband, David.

Dennis Wilkin

Dennis Wilkin farms more land in Canton than most people can walk on a good day.

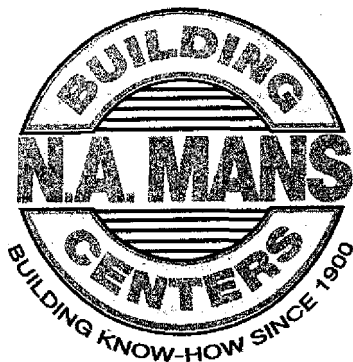
Dennis Wilkin is one of P-C-N's most prosperous farmers. Virtually every cornfield in southwestern Canton is on land he leases through

the township or other landholders.

Wilkin has been farming land in Canton for more than 27 years on a lease agreement. With more than 1700 acres of farmland in the area, he ranks with the more prosperous business people in the area.

He lives with his family in Canton.

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Why People join

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is made of a variety of business people, all of whom have a special vested interest in the operations and programs of the Chamber as well as the community. Opportunities to network, access to resources, increased business exposure, and representation on issues are primary reasons why businesses join the Chamber.

Find out how you can benefit from membership in the Canton Chamber of Commerce as it invests in the future of your business!!

Networking

Members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce have tremendous opportunities to share information and resources, and form long-term business relationships. Chamber sponsored events and activities which serve as venues for networking include:

- Active Chamber Committees
- Annual Dinner Auction
- Summer Golf Outing
- Business Seminars
- Monthly Membership Luncheons
- Third Thursday Update Breakfasts
- After Hours Business Connections

Community Development

The Chamber, through an active network of volunteers, strives to promote growth and harmony throughout the community. By working with representatives of various sectors of the community, the Chamber is able to assist in accomplishing goals and objectives which mutually benefit the business and residential population. The Chamber participates in these:

- Leadership Canton Program
- Annual Business Beautification Awards
- Canton Liberty Fest
- Community Youth Initiative
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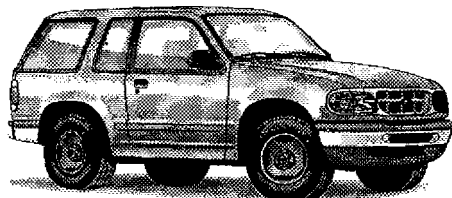
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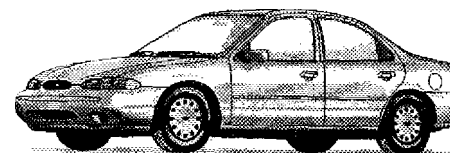
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Steve Ragan

From zoning appeals to the Wayne/Westland Junior Miss America Pageant, Steve Ragan has judged everything.

He was the youngest chairman of a college governing board in the nation when he was unanimously appointed to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees at the age of 24 in 1991. He was named to the Crain's Detroit Business annual "Forty under Forty" in 1994.

To list the activities and boards of which Steve is a trustee would take too much space here, but some of them are: United Methodist Retirement Communities, Inc; the

Development and Van Dusen Challenge Grant committee; Bethany's Buddies, which raises money for neo-natal care unit of Annapolis Hospital.

Ragan, who was raised in the community and graduated from Canton High School in 1983, volunteers in his spare time, with groups like Plymouth Goodfellows, Chamber of Commerce, and United Way of Southeastern Michigan.

Ragan Graduated from the University of Michigan (but we won't hold that against him) in 1989 with a degree in history. An Avid runner, he completed the Detroit Free Press Marathon in 1996.



Steve Mansfield

Many know Heide's Flowers and Gifts at the corner of W. Ann Arbor trail and Main streets as one of Plymouth's oldest. They just don't know how old.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The original shop, located in Lowertown, dates back to 1899. And while owner Steve Mansfield hasn't worked that long — he's only 52 — he has a long history with flower shops.

Mansfield has contributed to so many charitable organizations in town that even he can't name them all — or perhaps his modesty forbids him.

He was drafted out of college to go play army in Vietnam. And playing is something he hasn't forgotten how to do. He lists as his hobbies dog-grooming, golf, fishing and lawn bowling with his dog, Lucky.

Mansfield counts survival as one of his greatest accomplishments. He has one daughter, and lives in Canton.



Doug Mans

Following in some big footsteps, he keeps the family tradition alive as store manager of N.A. Mans Building Center — Mans Do-It Center in Canton.

The Mans family started the business in 1900, 80 years before Doug began working for the business. He became store manager in 1990.

Mans, 31, is a member of the U of M Club in Metro Detroit and raises money for local charities and the Rotary, Civitans, Jaycees and other groups.

Mans lists as hobbies golf, hunting, fishing, outdoors activities, golf and he is a U of M sports fan.

He attends St. Thomas Episcopal Church and lives in Canton with his wife Kelli.

Bonnie Berg

She's sold lawn furniture longer than most of Canton has had lawns.

Many people don't even know about Bart's Rustic Furniture on Michigan Avenue, but the business has operated for more than 40 years.

Although originally a landscaping and industrial lawn maintenance business, Berg and her husband, Bart, discontinued those services and concentrated on lawn furniture when it became increasingly popular.

Berg is a D.A.R. Board Member, a Canton Historical Society Member and a trustee of Faith United Methodist Church. She donates pieces of her sturdy furniture to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts annual gourmet picnic and art auction, and to the Canton Chamber



of Commerce's annual auction.

Berg, 69, has five children, 4 sons and one daughter. She has operated Bart's Rustic Furniture with the help of one son and one part-time employee since her husband died in 1985. She is a member of Denton Faith United Methodist Church.

Jan Volante

She's the perfect person to teach young people how to achieve.

She has achieved much as her time as Assistant Vice President of First of America Bank in Canton.

Volante, a Plymouth resident, also teaches Junior Achievement, is a past president and board member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. She has worked on various community activities like the Canton Liberty Fest, helping the

celebration become one of Michigan's premiere festivals. She has also served several times on the United Way Drive.

Volante won the Athena Award in 1993 for her work with First of America., and her volunteer efforts won her the Canton Community Achiever Award in 1994.

She attends Our Lady of Good Counsel Church; and is married with two children, Anthony and Christie.

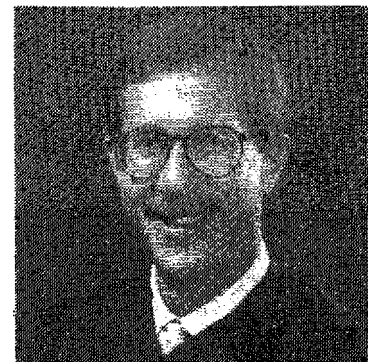
Rick Kaufman

Head of the Wayne County Circuit Court is a job that leaves little room for a sense of humor.

But Richard Kaufman maintained his during his more than 15 years at the court — he's even been known to write letters to the editor on brown paper grocery bags.

Kaufman, a long-time resident of Plymouth Township, attended the University of Michigan in the early 1970s. He received a BA in philosophy there before heading to law school at Wayne State University. He graduated Wayne State's law school in 1977 in the top 10 per cent of his class.

Elected to the Wayne County



Circuit Court in 1980, Kaufman spent much of his career climbing through the ranks of that court, becoming chief judge in 1986.

Kaufman now runs S.M.A.R.T., public transportation service. He is both general manager and general counsel for the transit company.

Kaufman is active in the Plymouth Community Arts Council. He and his wife, Elaine Lenart, have two children: Sean, 16; and Sam, 11.

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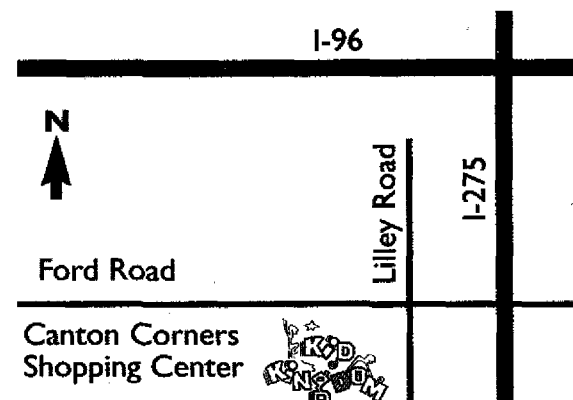
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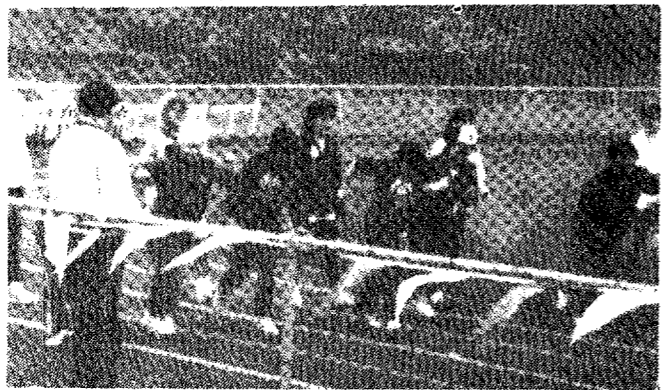
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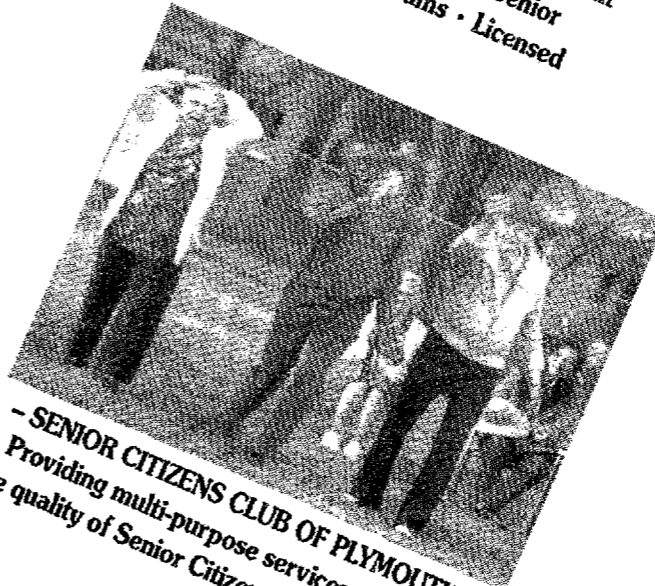
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Ed Soleau

Keeping the carpets of the community clean, Ed Soleau is a certified master cleaner with more than 30 years of experience in his field.

Soleau owns Plymouth Carpet Service Inc., a business with five full-time employees. Founded by his father, Benjamin, in 1956, they specialize in hand-cleaning oriental rugs, upholstery, carpeting, water damage restoration and carpet sales.

Soleau, 53, was born, raised and schooled in Plymouth where he resides with his wife, Linda. He has a son, Brian Soleau, and daughter, Annette Haarala, and grandsons, Brandon and Derek.

Soleau attends Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in



Plymouth.

Soleau is a member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and donates to many community charities and functions including: Knights of Columbus, United Way, Special Olympics, PCEP graduation, Salvation Army, the American Lung Association, etc.

Lee & Noel Bittinger

Officially, their business is named Re/Max Classic Realty, in Canton. Unofficially, it's known as the home of the Hummer.

The couple were married in 1983 and have been in business together since then as real estate brokers.

At work they divvy up responsibilities: Noel works on house accounts while Lee manages much of the office and its technology.

Computers play a big role in the Bittinger's commercial success. Their office holds 18 computers, through which they conduct much of their business by e-mail and through 13 different websites. An in-house color photo studio and digital cameras aid their advertising.

This summer the Bittingers' firm



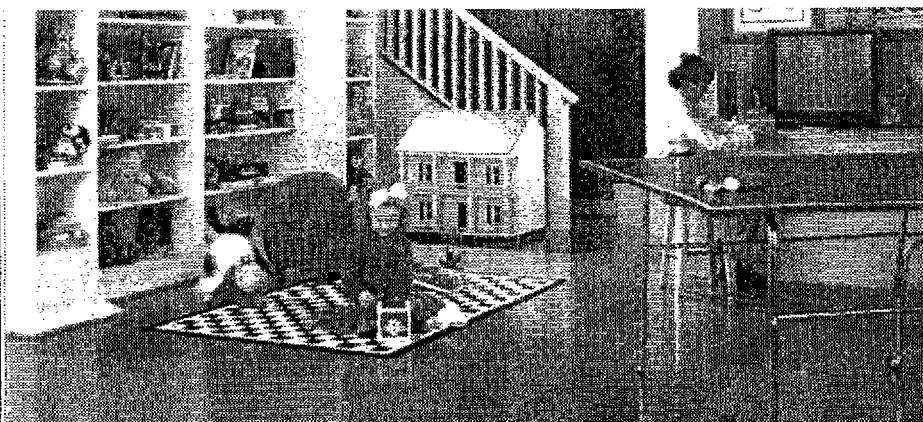
was ranked 56th out of 47,000 Re/Max nationwide.

Lee attributes part of their success to the company's use of technology, which allows them to give more and faster customer service.

The Hummer vehicle the office owns also helps with name recognition around town. The office has come to be known as "Home of the Hummer," Lee said.

Both Lee and Noel volunteer for the Children's Miracle Television Network.

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Mundt, 58, has been a member of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority for the last eight years and is currently a chairperson.

He is a member of the International



Franchise Association and past chairperson of the National MBE Area Franchise Advisory Council.

Mundt attends Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Plymouth.

He and his wife, Molly, have four children: their two sons, Bob and Pete, work with Mundt in the business; and two daughters, Kathleen and Peggy.

Annette Horn

Business in The City of Plymouth brings out rage in Annette Horn—Artrage.

As proprietor of Plymouth's Native West, a store specializing in "unique American Southwestern art," Horn's participation in community business reflects her zeal for events artistic.

Horn has chaired the "Plymouth is ARTrageous" art walk since it began four years ago, and works closely with Sharon Pugh during "Art in the Park."

But her vigor isn't restricted to festivals: "I love promoting Plymouth," she says. She was a host and cheerleader during the Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade.

Fran Toney

She has helped Plymouth businesses prosper, especially the downtown district, through promotion and keeping the business community close.

Toney, 55, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, graduated from the Institute for Chamber Management at the University of Notre Dame.

She is a graduate of Leadership Plymouth and has served on The Governor's Work Force Development Board.

Toney said a majority of her spare time is donated back to the community through work with the Chamber.



As well as working with local businesses, Toney is instrumental in special community events year round, including: the Kellogg Park Christmas trees; Santa's Arrival at the park; the Fall Festival; Christmas sing-along; the Ice Spectacular; and the Chili Cook-off.

Toney resides in Plymouth and attends the First United Methodist of Plymouth. She has a daughter in Michigan and a son in Texas.

Duane Bordine

As a member of one of Canton's most venerable farming families, Bordine measures his success in years, bushels and tons.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Duane Bordine is a member of one of Canton's original farming families.

All of Bordine's 54 years have been spent living and farming in Canton. While the achievements of some industry and commerce leaders featured in this section is measured in dollars, Bordine's is measured in years.

Duane operated the Bordine Farm Market on the corner of Ridge and Ford roads for more than 17 years, selling sweet corn, pumpkins and melons.

Although his crops have shrunk from more than 200 acres to the current 25-acre pumpkin patch he tends in his state of semi-retirement, Bordine still farms everyday.

A member of the chamber of



commerce, he donates parts of his pumpkin crops to various charitable events, his church, and boy scout and cub scout troops for fundraisers. He sells his crops on the south side of Ford Road, about 1,000 feet east of Ridge.

He counts as his greatest achievements building his new log-cabin home, which sits on property that has been in his family since 1832, and staying married to his wife of 18 years, Sharon.

Bordine is a member of one of Canton's oldest families, and can trace relatives back to John Saltz. He has three daughters, and is a member of St John Neumann Church.

Brian Amann

If you've ever been to a Canton Township Planning Commission or Board of Trustees meeting, chances are, you've seen Bryan Amann. He's the one representing everyone.

Okay, not really. He just seems to have a hand or representative in all the development in Canton.

Amann is a partner in the law firm of Brasher, Tangora & Spence, L.L.P. Prior to that he worked in government, spending two terms as a Wayne County Commissioner, an assistant County Director Executive for Ed McNamara and two years as the Chief Deputy County Clerk for Wayne County Clerk James Killeen.

When Amann's legal expertise is not paving the way for a new developer to come to town, he volunteers his time with several charitable efforts, including the

Canton Community Foundation, Magic Ride, which raises funds for the Children's Abuse Prevention Network and president of the Canton Economic Club.

Amann graduated from John Glenn High School in 1975, the University of Michigan in 1979 and attended the University of Detroit Law School in 1980 and 1981, before transferring to Georgetown. He and his wife, Mary have been married for 15 years, and have two daughters, Lindsay, 13, and Lauren, 10. They run in more than 10 races a year and keep their family active with swimming, golf, softball aerobics and tennis.



'Mama' Mucci

Her tale is storybook: just what Sara Lee commercials and others portray, only Mama's tale is true.

BY LINDA KOCHANNEK

In 1986 she began an in-home venture that opened a space for her recipe among national brands on store and supermarket shelves.

Mucci found her sauce was popular with friends and family. Everybody wanted some. Demand was high, and she needed more supply.

She set up shop under Little Professor on the Park, in a kitchen left from days when the building housed the old Kresges.

Since then, business has expanded to a 14,000 square foot plant in Canton producing 20,000 pounds of pasta products each week. Her inventory includes 200 varieties of fresh, dry and frozen pasta. And the business is still in the family, with Mama's sons Frank and Vince among the factory's 20 employees.



They're the next generation in a Mucci family tradition.

Margherita was taught to make pasta as a child in Montelongo, Italy. She was the youngest of four children and at the age of eighteen she married Pietro Mucci from her hometown. The couple traveled seven days by boat to the United States in 1957 and moved to Plymouth in 1966. They have three sons, including Frank and Vince's brother, Antonio.

Mucci spends her days at the pasta plant to ensure quality. She is an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth and her hobbies include gardening, her first grandchild, Gabriella and — cooking.

Joyce Costanza

All the President's men happen to be her children. Joyce Costanza's three children work for her at Station 885, where she is restaurant president.

For 35 years she has been involved in the business and in her community.

She's an active member of the Plymouth Chamber which led to her being voted the volunteer of the year. Also on the board of directors, she's the chairman of the Plymouth Showcase business expo, the beautification organizer for the old village association, and she's been involved in the Schoolcraft college culinary extravaganza for four years now.

Her and husband Jerry have three children, and five lovely grandchildren. Things that she



enjoys in her spare time include tennis, hiking, sailing, and entertaining.

Kim Guenther

The businesses on Liberty Street are getting a boost thanks to Kim Guenther.

Rejuvenating Plymouth's Old Village image has become a full time commitment for this home grown restaurateur and entrepreneur.

Guenther is carrying on his family's tradition of being involved in his community. He opened the Lower Town Grill along with the Drooling Moose Saloon in order to bring new prosperity to the area. With live blues and jazz music people now have a new alternative

Marie Morrow

Some folks do work for a chairity in spare time. Morrow helps so many, it's a full-time job.

Since 1983, she has worked as Executive Director of the Plymouth Community United Way, which raises money collectively for several different organizations.

She has also served the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Rotary Club as chairperson for multiple committees in both.

She has earned bachelors and

Jim McKeon

Jim McKeon has been a mayor, board member, president, and a minister.

A Plymouth resident, McKeon was mayor of the city from 1969-73.

After his tenure as mayor he became president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1974. He served for his three terms as a board member for the chamber.

The commercial and industrial property owner is a 35-year member of the Kiwanis.

McKeon is a former chairperson of the DDA, a past board member of Growth Works, and a current board member at New Morning School.

McKeon has also been a member of the Schoolcraft College



for a hip night out right in their own backyards.

Residing in Northville now, he and his wife Jan, live with their two children, daughter Whitney and son Blakely. This soccer dad is very active in his children's sports and other interests.



masters degrees from the University of Michigan. She also has a Pastoral Ministry Degree from the Sacred Heart Seminary.

She's the Worship Commission Chairperson and Music Coordinator for the Resurrection Catholic church in Canton.



Development Authority, and has assisted both the Plymouth Community Arts Council in moving to its new facility, and the Library Board in its expansion project.

McKeon attends Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and is an Eucharistic Minister. He has six children and 14 grandchildren.

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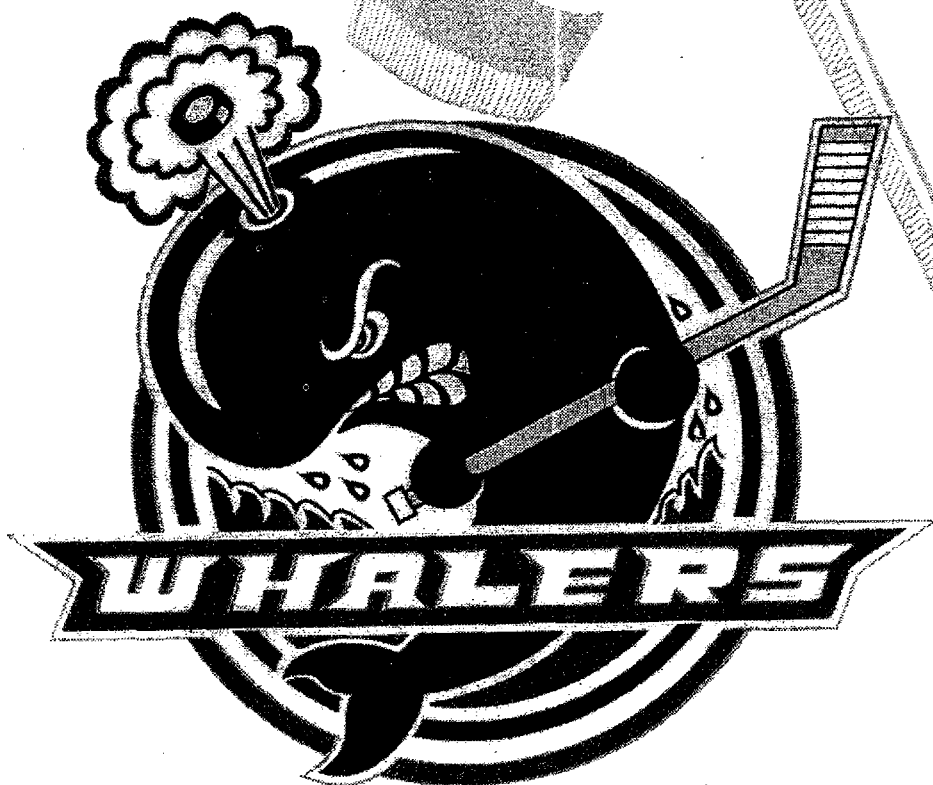
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Ginnie Hauck

Three months shy of her 50th birthday, Ginnie Hauck has left a lasting impression on hundreds of senior citizens and children alike.

Hauck, the manager of Canton Place Senior High Rise — and soon to be manager of neighboring Sheldon Place, too, has seen a lot of growth in Canton.

Prior to her seven years at Canton Place, Hauck was a youth director at St. Michael Lutheran church.

The groups she volunteers with serve both both the young and old groups: like the Community Youth Initiative, which she served as a

board member, Character Counts and Leadership Canton.

Hauck was also instrumental in developing the Vial of Life Program with Canton's Public Safety, through the Senior Safety Coalition. The Vial of Life is a free vial that seniors can fill with important information about their health.

She was nominated for the Small Business Person of the Year award in 1994; and was awarded Community Achiever in 1993.

She has been married to her husband Allen for 28 years. They have one daughter and one grandchild.

Frank McMurray

For more than 34 years, he's been involved with the growth and development of commerce in Canton.

McMurray is one of the charter members of Canton's Chamber of Commerce. As an insurance agent for State Farm, McMurray is more than just a good neighbor. He is there.

He is there for the Jaycees, and has been a president of their organization. He has also served on



the planning commission, the building authority, historical society.

McMurray has given time and effort to bond millage campaigns and elections.

McMurray hangs his hat in Gregory, MI with his wife. He has four children and five grandchildren.

Stephen Boak

For nearly two decades, one man's name has been synonymous with law in Plymouth.

Boak joined a fledgling law firm on Ann Arbor Trail in 1980, and has made downtown Plymouth his professional home ever since.

Boak began his career as an associate attorney at Clark, Klein, Winter, Parsons and Prewitt, a Detroit law firm, in 1966. Two years later, he joined the Wayne County Prosecutor's office as an assistant prosecuting attorney.

Boak worked his way up the ranks in the prosecutor's office until 1977 when he was named Chief of Operations.

In 1980, he became a partner at the Plymouth law firm Sempliner, Thomas and Boak. He has been with the firm ever since, specializing in

both civil and criminal litigation.

Since 1995, Boak has been an instructor teaching criminal and constitutional law at Madonna University.

Boak is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, where he served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is a member of the Vietnam Veterans Association, and the recipient of various awards and commendations from his military service.

Boak has been a candidate for several positions in the community, including Plymouth Township Supervisor in 1992, and 35th District Court Judge in 1994.

Boak lives in Plymouth with his wife, and has three daughters. The family attends the New Life Lutheran Church, where Boak is a charter member and President of the Congregational Council.

Tetsuro Suzuki

As President of American Yazaki, he represents one of Canton's largest employers.



BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

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Suzuki has been an integral part of the Yazaki Corporation since 1971: In the past 26 years, Suzuki has worked in several capacities at Yazaki Corporation's Japan headquarters and abroad. From sales manager to executive director, Suzuki has spent time on three different continents as a corporate troubleshooter.

After graduating from Japan's Aoyama Gakuin University with a degree in International Law, Suzuki joined the marketing staff at Yazaki's Air-conditioning Division in Tokyo.

He rose quickly through Yazaki's ranks. He was promoted to a sales executive and later to assistant manager of international marketing for the Tokyo division.

In 1986, Suzuki came to the

United States and worked as the marketing manager at American Yazaki Corporation's office in Dallas and returned to Japan in 1990 as the assistant manager of the International Division.

Then it was off to Portugal where he was named the executive director of administration. Prior to his appointment as the president to American Yazaki Corporation in March of 1997, he was president of Yazaki U.K. Ltd.

Shortly after promoting Suzuki to president of American Yazaki, the company broke ground on a 419,000 square-foot building, what will become their U.S. Headquarters. Upon completion, Yazaki will employ more than 1,200 people in their Canton facilities.

Suzuki, 48, enjoys golf, Mahjan and listening to music.

Jim Bonadeo

Jim Bonadeo calls himself a positive thinker. Others have chosen different names, such as humanitarian and Man of the Year.

The Plymouth Township-based builder reached 50 years in business in 1996. A list of his accolades and activities is nearly as long—evidence that his company's claim that "A Bonadeo home is a better built home," is more than a slogan.

Redford saw the first Bonadeo-built homes, but his residential building is now centralized and limited to projects in Plymouth-Canton, including Ridgewood and Heather Hills in Plymouth, and Fairway Pines in Canton.

Bonadeo has also been involved in construction throughout Wayne County and the Lansing area.

Working with a variety of organizations, he has helped to develop strategic plans for sensible growth in Michigan.

He has been active in several organizations, including Madonna College which named him President Emeritus for life, and three terms as president of the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan.

For his efforts and the quality of his projects, Bonadeo has received recognition from the people of the state of Michigan and Wayne County, and the State Senate. Boys Town of Italy named him Man of the Year in 1989.

He continues to build in Plymouth-Canton, and is chairman of Victoria Park, the first subdivision built in Detroit in 32 years.

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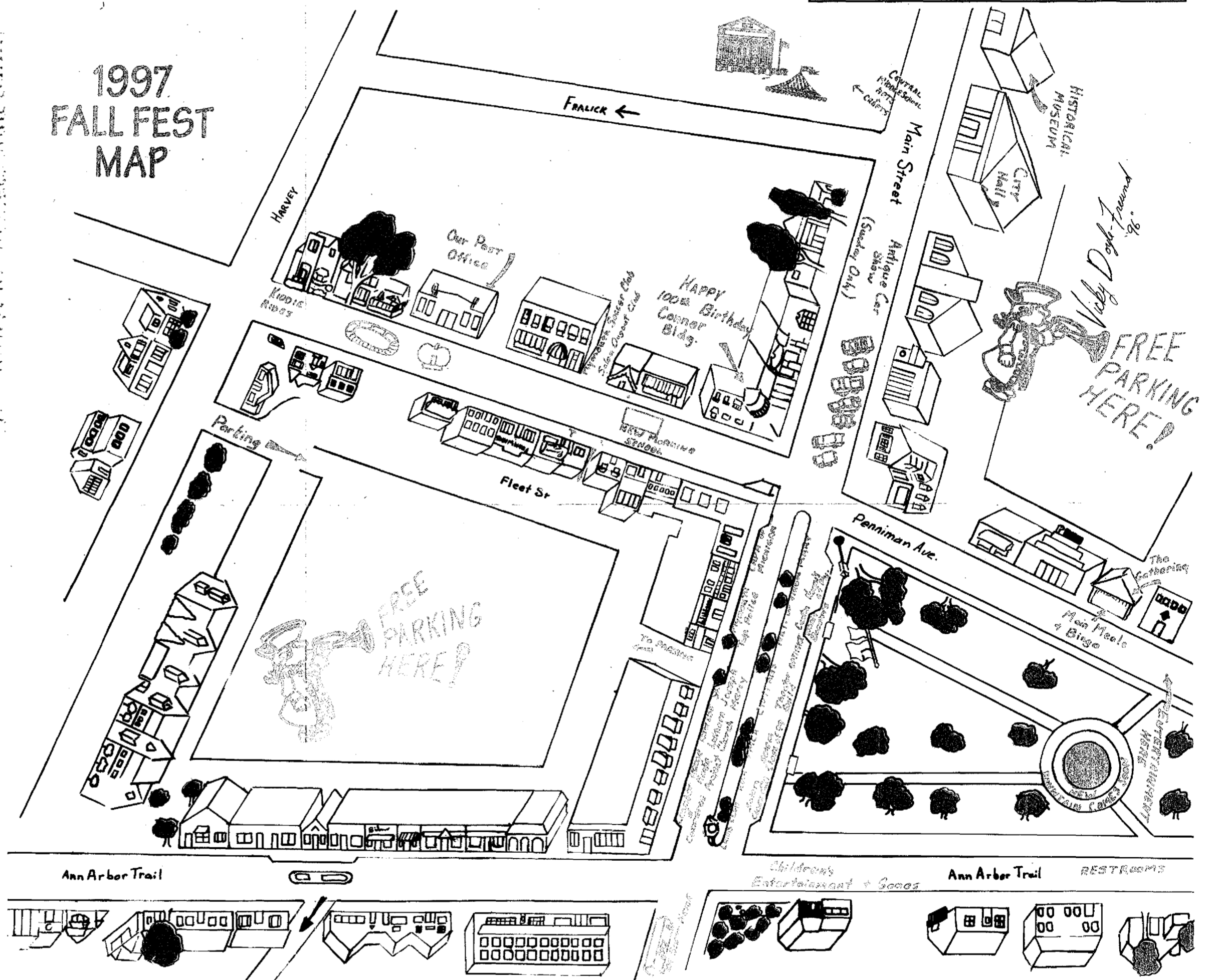
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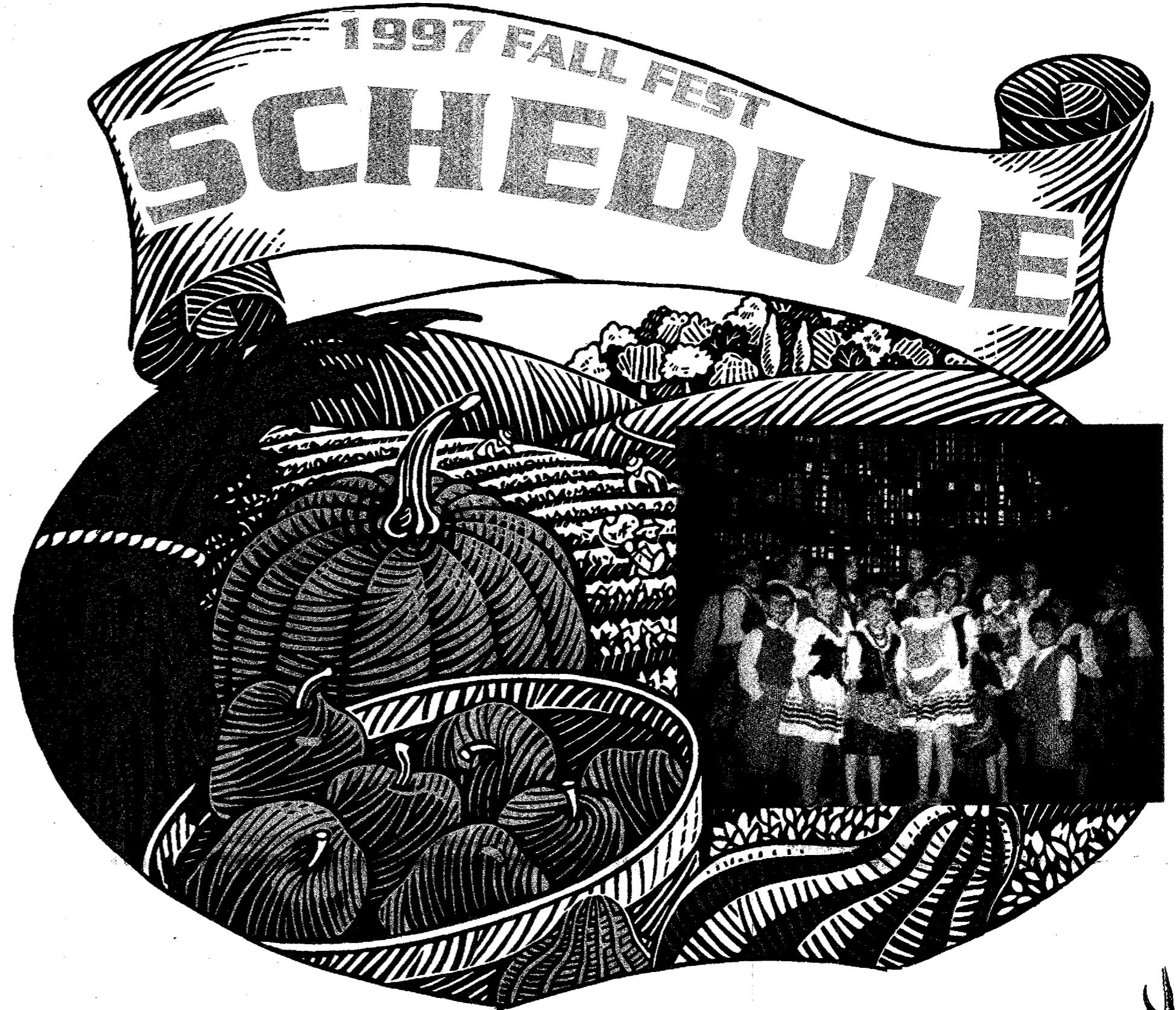
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 10:00 AM (till 6 PM) **PCAC Arts & Crafts Show** at Central Middle School
 11:15 AM Magician--Jason Abbott
 12:00 PM Polish Centennial Dancers
 1:00 PM Zeemo One Man Circus
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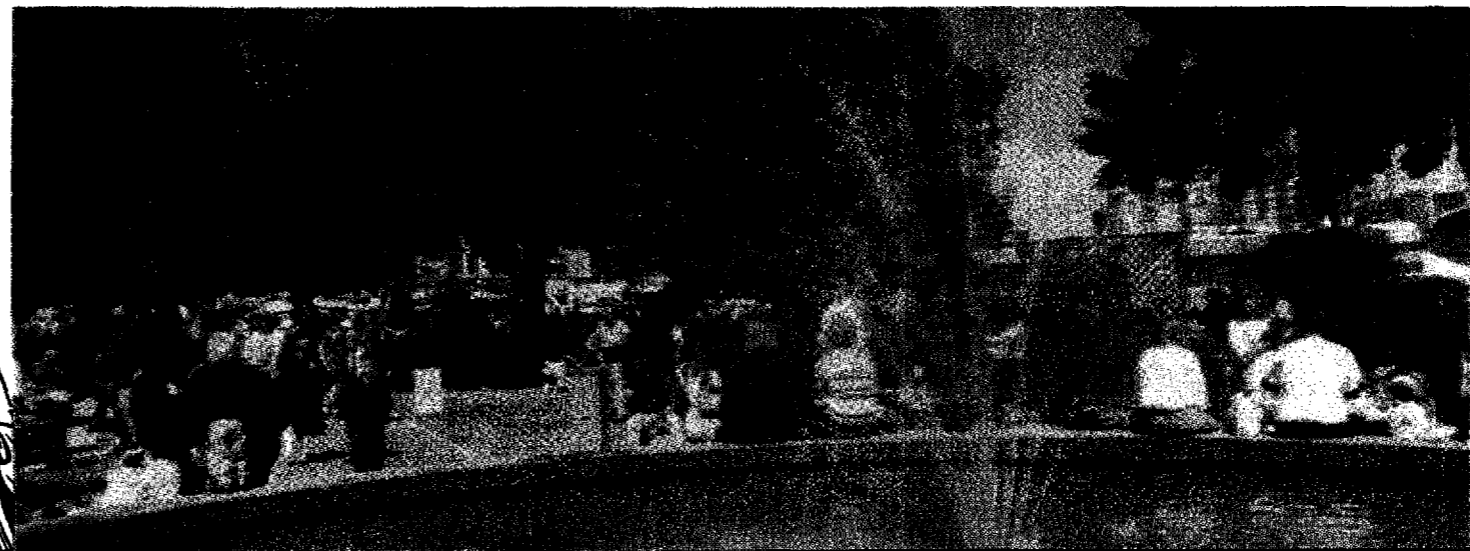
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 7:45 PM 14 Yr. Old Vocalist Justine Blazer
 8 - 10 PM **Street Dance**

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 1:45 PM Plymouth Risen Christ Lutheran Bells
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 3:15 PM Denim & Lace Line Dancing
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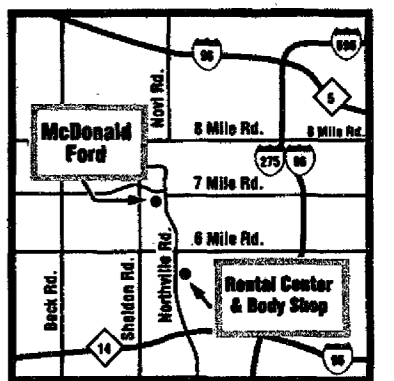
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He's also a member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church, where his wife Kathy is associate pastor. The couple have a 12-year-old daughter,

John Blackwell III

Blackwell Ford is one of P-C-N's original car dealers. And John Blackwell III is one of Blackwell's own originals.

Blackwell, 40, is a 1979 graduate of the University of Michigan. He started working at Blackwell Ford in 1983 and is the dealer's current president, as well as 49 percent owner.

Blackwell has held many offices and positions in community organizations throughout his career. He served as president of Plymouth's Chamber of Commerce, a board

member of Ford Motor Company's Dispute Settlement Board and served on the Community Relations committee for the Ford Sheldon Road Plant.

He knows something about relating to the community, too. He has lived in Plymouth for the past three years, and in Canton for eight years before that. He is a current D.A.R.E. committee member, a CCSAP board member and vice-president of the Plymouth YMCA.

Blackwell is single, with no children.

Tom Yack

Improving business-government relations is no small task, but this Canton Township Supervisor does his part

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When Tom Yack took the office of Canton Township Supervisor eight years ago, one of the first things he did was improve the relationship between government and business.

Yack works through the Chamber of Commerce to notify businesses when ordinance changes effect them. He also helped start the Chamber's third Thursday updates, where local officials give monthly updates on topics of interest.

He also worked in designing the tax abatement process for businesses. In the 1980s, loose requirements drew businesses to Canton from competing communities; today, stricter regulations require businesses to give 5 percent of their savings back to the community. Both are marks of Yack's efforts to help shape Canton's business community.



Yack moved to Canton in 1971 and was elected to the School Board three years later. He served 11 years on the board, including time as treasurer, vice-president, and four years as president. He also served on the library board of directors for two years.

He has been very active in the community, taking part in such groups as Canton Project arts, Canton Historical Society, Canton Community Foundation, Community Youth Initiative. He is also one of the founders of Leadership Canton, Character Counts, creator of Canton Quality of Life Project and a co-sponsor of Youth Arts Variety Series.

Yack, 50 and his wife, Barb, have four children: James, Beth David and Kathryn. He is a 26-year member of St. Michael Lutheran Church.

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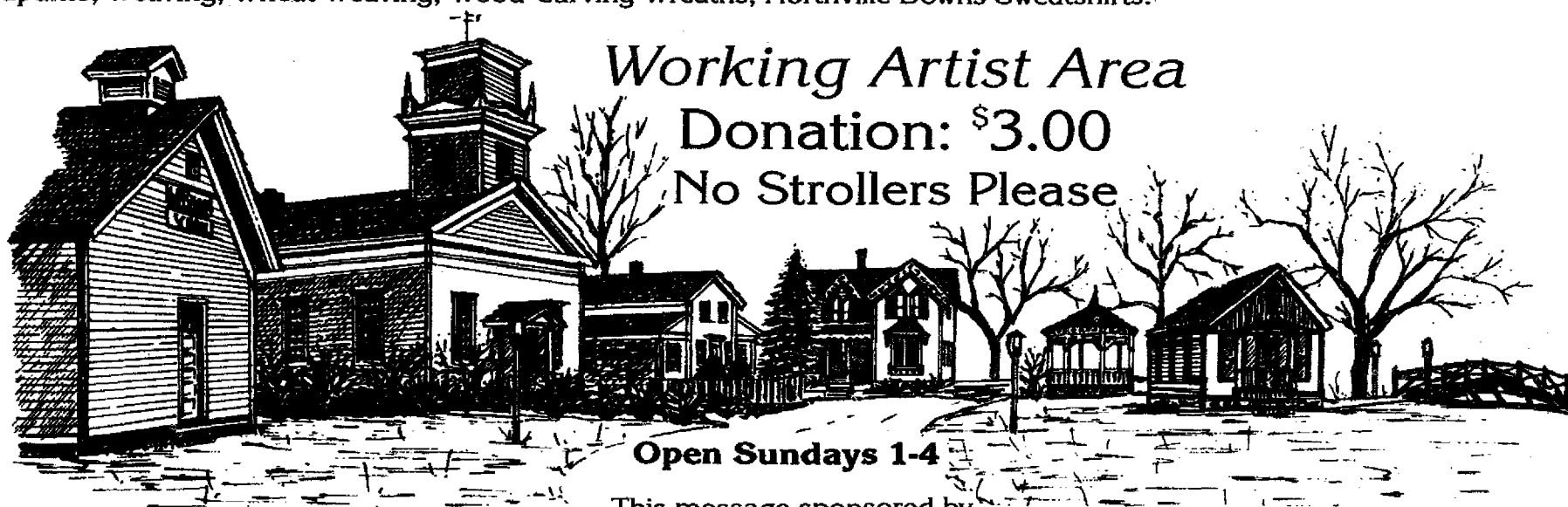
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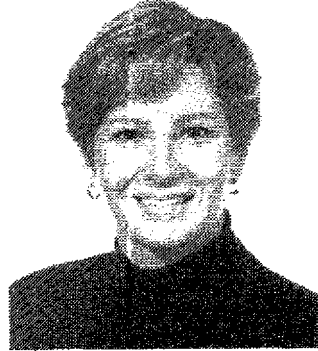


Paula Winkler-Doman

When it comes to management, the bigger the business, the tougher the job. But that doesn't phase the woman in charge of Plymouth Township's biggest workplace.

Paula Winkler-Doman, plant manager at the Sheldon Road Ford Plant, took over the position just more than a year ago. At just 44 years old, she's locked down one of the most important and high-profile jobs in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

Winkler-Doman attended Michigan State University, where she earned a B.A. After that, she headed to law school at the University of Minnesota. With a



stellar educational background, she opted for a career in management and joined the Ford Motor Company.

She lives in Birmingham with her husband Mark Doman, a general manager for Ameritech. The couple have three children, ages 17, 15 and eight. She is regularly active in the kid's schools and soccer clubs.

Tom Bohlander

The sun has definitely shone on this man's businesses — both here and across the country



BY PETER J. BRODERICK

Sunshine Honda on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth is just the tip of one local businessman's iceberg.

In fact, Tom Bohlander, owner of Sunshine, once operated six similar dealerships in Ohio, one in New Hampshire and Sunshine Acura in Farmington Hills.

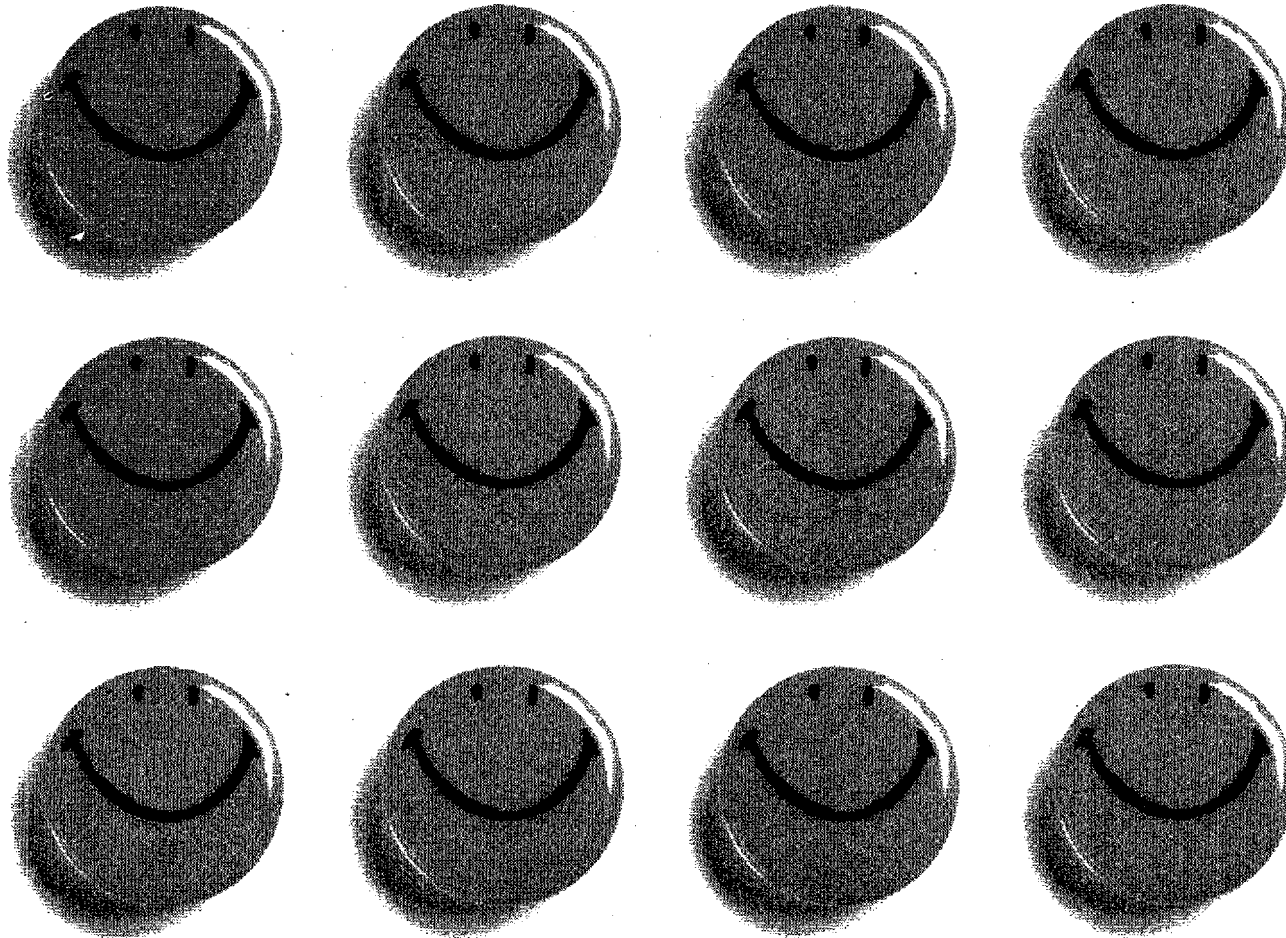
Bohlander graduated from Kent State University in 1969 with a degree in business administration. His grand total of auto dealerships at one point was nine.

Bohlander is active in many community groups including the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, the Schoolcraft College Foundation

Board of Directors, and the Rotary. He served as the chamber's president in 1983.

Bohlander has been involved with the Plymouth Township Zoning Board of Appeals, the planning commission, the Plymouth Canton School's legislative committee, and the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular Board of Directors.

He and his wife Joyce live in Bloomfield Hills and have four children, Rachael, Alexis, Kathryn and Paul. The Bohlanders are members of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



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Ted Boloven

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Ted Boloven's office at Boloven & Associates, CPA is decorated with hockey memorabilia, a true testament to his fascination with the sport.

After 21 years in the business, Boloven is now the President of the firm, made up of 17 CPAs and more than 1,500 clients.

In addition to his business, Boloven is involved in many community groups including the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Canton Foundation, and is involved through the Lions Club



with the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor.

Boloven studied at Wayne State University, where he earned his B.S. degree. Later, he got his masters degree from Walsh College.

He lives in Northville with his wife Linda and their four daughters. They attend the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth.

Minerva Chaiken

As owner of Minerva's - Dunning's, she represents one of P-C-N's longest-running business careers

BY PETER BRODERICK

As communities grow and expand, new businesses pop up and sometimes fade away just as quickly. Some businesses and business people, however, grow into traditions — especially in the history-rich areas of Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

With 47 years in business in Plymouth, Minerva Chaiken has the market cornered in tradition.

Minerva's-Dunning's has specialized in women's and children's clothing since before anyone in Plymouth had ever dreamed of a Fall Festival. The store began on Penniman Avenue, and later moved to its current location at 500 Forest



Avenue.

Chaiken's staff is equally well-versed in the business. Several employees have been with the store for more than ten years, and at least one has been there for 25 years.

As the owner of one of the oldest businesses around, it's only natural that Chaiken is active in the Plymouth Historical Society. She is also an active member of Congregation Beit Kodesh synagogue in Livonia.

Chaiken lives in Livonia, and has family in the Philadelphia area.

Don Massey

His years of experience and business savvy have made Plymouth home to the nation's most successful Cadillac dealership

BY PETER J. BRODERICK

When it comes to advertising our community, no one has been as dedicated, helpful or successful as the owner of a Plymouth car dealership.

Don Massey uses radio commercials to advertise his Cadillac dealership, which he says is located in the "magnificent community" of Plymouth. That advertising campaign alone has generated more publicity for Plymouth than any chamber or DDA program ever devised.

Born in Tennessee, Massey got his start in the auto industry at the age of 14 when he moved to Florida to work at a dealership during school vacations. He later came to a dealership outside Detroit to sell cars.

Massey bought a small car lot in Plymouth in 1967 — ironically with retirement in mind. He was told a few years



before that his health wouldn't allow him to keep a full-time position like the ones he had held in car dealerships before. Instead, he began to take better care of himself, and looked at the industry with more determination than ever before.

Massey started small, and has built a true mega-dealership: one of the biggest and most successful Cadillac dealerships in the country. In addition to Oldsmobiles and Cadillac, Massey Enterprises now sells Buick, Pontiac, Chevrolet, Geo, GMC, Saturn, Rolls Royce and Bentley automobiles.

In the process of building his empire, he has brought countless people to our "magnificent" community, and etched himself in stone to the book of Plymouth's business leaders.

Dick Kirchgatter

He tended to the hairier residents of Plymouth and Canton while building a strong, community-based business.

He is one of P-C-N's original veterinarians. Kirchgatter moved to town in 1965, and soon after started as a pet doctor at Parkway Veterinary Clinic in Plymouth.

Kirchgatter, 59, has been active with many groups since moving into the area from Iowa. He is a member of the Plymouth Rotary, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and St. John's Episcopal Church.

In his spare time he also works a small farm. He has previously served



on the Canton Planning Commission, Southeast Michigan Vet Med Council, the Rotary Foundation, and president of the Plymouth Symphony.

He lives in Canton with his wife, Elaine, Canton's Treasurer. They have three daughters, June, Jill and Joy.

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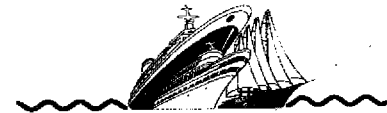


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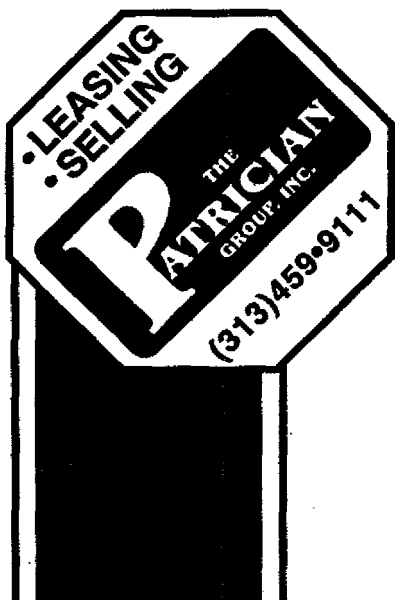
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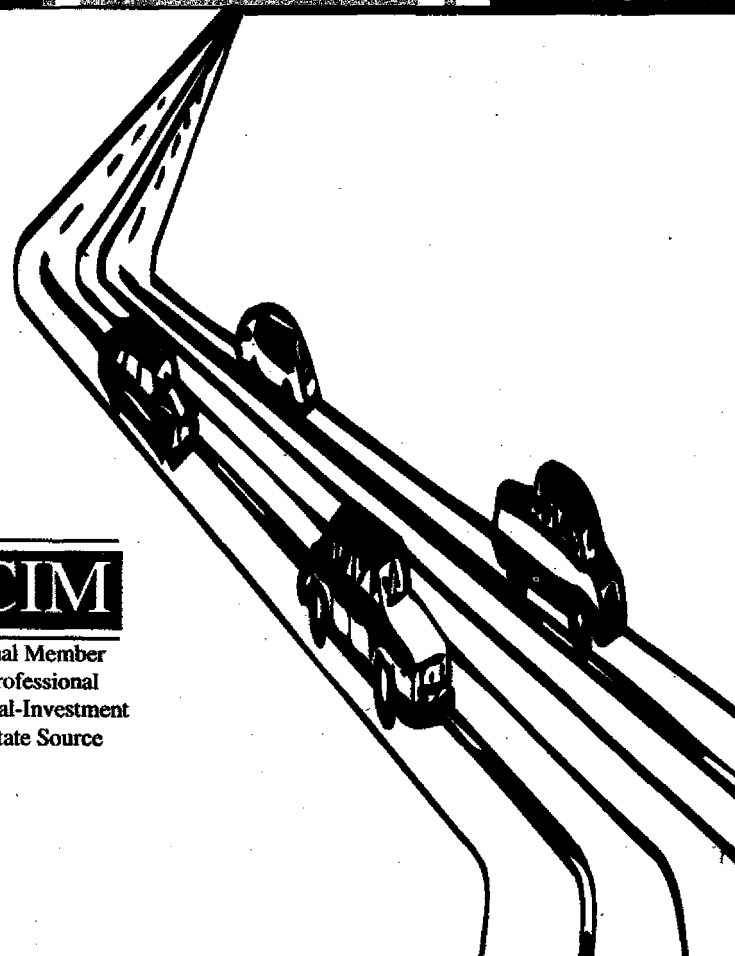


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But Plymouth is not the only to fit this description.

To the south, Canton's Liberty Fest takes place a little earlier in July. It's a chance for the quickly growing township to gather and maintain the



spirit that grew in its agrarian beginnings.

And to north, The Northville Victorian Festival takes place later in September. While younger than the Fall Fest, every year its own traditions continue.

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John Vos, III

He's been there, done that. Vos's accomplishments are varied and many.

He has swept through positions in The City of Plymouth: Chamber of Commerce board member, eight-year veteran of the City Commission and current Mayor Pro-Tem.

He was president of Rotary from 1988-89 and, the father of two Eagle

Scouts, has served as an assistant Scoutmaster and Cubmaster for Boy Scouts of America.

He's spent time in Lansing, appointed by Governor John Engler to the State Board of Professional Community Planners, and by Sen. Don Riegler to the Military Academy Review Board for Candidates.

He and his wife, Carol, live in Plymouth. Their sons are married and they have one granddaughter.

Dale Knab

One of the state's most prominent pharmacists has served his community from Main Street for years.

Knab, the pharmacists at Wiltse's Pharmacy on Main Street in Plymouth

Knab is active in the Plymouth Rotary and served as the president

of the Rotary Foundation. He has sat on the Downtown Development Authority board and was president of the Washtenaw Pharmacist Association.

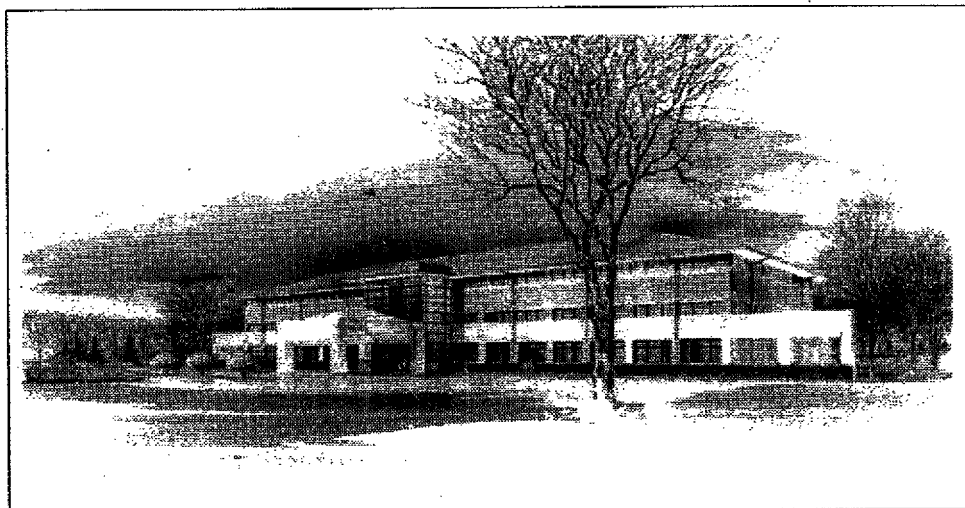
Currently he is the Chairperson for the Michigan Pharmacist Association Ethics and Practice Commission.

He and his wife Andrea have two children, Jeffrey and Heidi.

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Creon Smith

At the Round Table Club, he helped organize the reception for the Massachusetts delegation at the 1980 Republican National Convention.

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

When thinking of Inkeeping hospitality, Plymouth Township resident Creon Smith's name quickly comes to mind.

Formerly General Manager of the Mayflower Hotel, the Meeting House and the Round Table Club, Smith is now the proprietor of the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills.

Currently he runs a variety of special events at the Botsford, including ballroom dancing and



concerts.

Smith belongs to Kiwanis International and Food Service Executive International.

Interested in music and the arts, he is also a member of the Southeastern Michigan Jazz Association and Plymouth's Symphony, Historical Museum and Arts Council.

Noted as an antique dealer and appraiser, he is also a collector.

Glen Simms

Rock Tool & Machine Company, Inc. supplies parts that can make any machine in U.S. History run smoothly.

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They supply replacement parts to machines made in the late 1880s.

When the Mayflower fired the reportedly 200-year-old cannon to celebrate Plymouth, it had first been test-fired at the Rock Tool shop.

Simms, vice president and plant manager at the shop, has been with the company for 26 of its 28 years.

He's a member of the corvette club and has two of the classic automobiles of his own.

The 54-year-old Simms lives in South Lyon with his wife of 31 years, Charlene. They attend Northline Baptist church, and have two children.

Sandy Mily

Golf isn't the only thing that interests the owner of Fox Hills Country Club, on North Territorial Road.

She is also a member of the Plymouth Rotary, Plymouth Figure Skating Club, the National Golf Course Owners Association and the

Michigan Golf Course Owners Association.

Her success with the Fox Hills Country Club led to a nomination as one of the top 25 golf businesses in Michigan.

Mily has two children Alexis and Nicholas and she belongs to the United Methodist Church.

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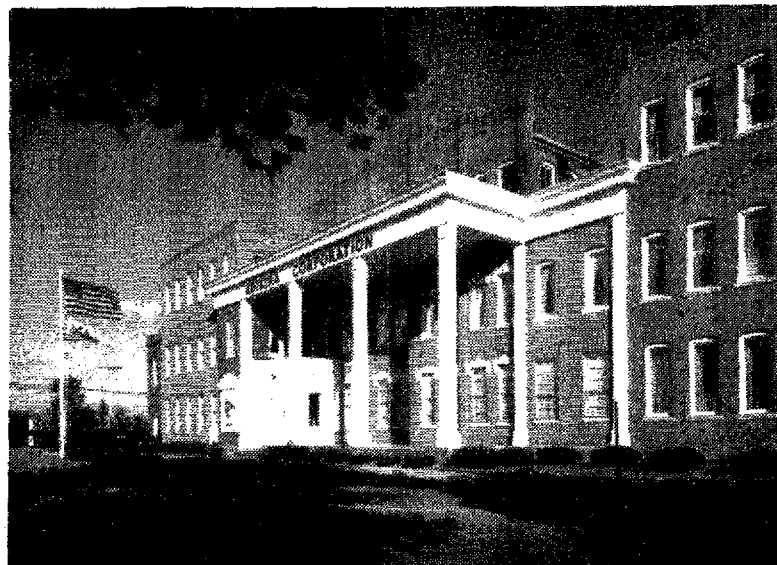
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Okie and Mary Hamblin moved to Plymouth in 1954 and have kept the same local business for nearly half a century.



Okie and Mary's Market in Plymouth was established in 1957 and sells flowers and produce to loyal customers from The P-C-N Community and beyond.

The couple recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary along with the business' 40th.

Okie, 66, enjoys reading, building and growing flowers and plants in the family's backyard

greenhouse.

Mary, 65, likes to weave baskets, travel and is a member of the St. Kenneth Church Women's Group.

The Hamblins attend St. Kenneth's Church in Plymouth.

They have eight children, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren — with two on the way.

Randy Smith

Of all the top industry and commerce leaders, some say Randy Smith has the toughest job of them all.

Smith, 33, as general manager and vice-president of baseball operations, is charged with what seemed impossible only a year ago: turn the Detroit Tigers into contenders.

He seems the man for the job, and was instrumental in turning around the Dan Diego Padres, transforming them from a 101 game losing team in 1993 to a National League West Division Title just three years later.

If all goes according to Smith's plan, buy your world series tickets in March.

Smith has worked in baseball his



entire professional life. He started with San Diego's AA team the Beaumont Golden Gators, doing everything from selling tickets to pulling the tarp to working at the novelty stands.

He was the youngest general manager in Major League history when appointed to that position at in San Diego at the age of 29.

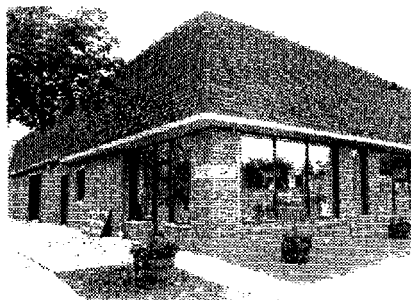
Smith moved to Plymouth two years ago, when he took over the helm of the Tigers.

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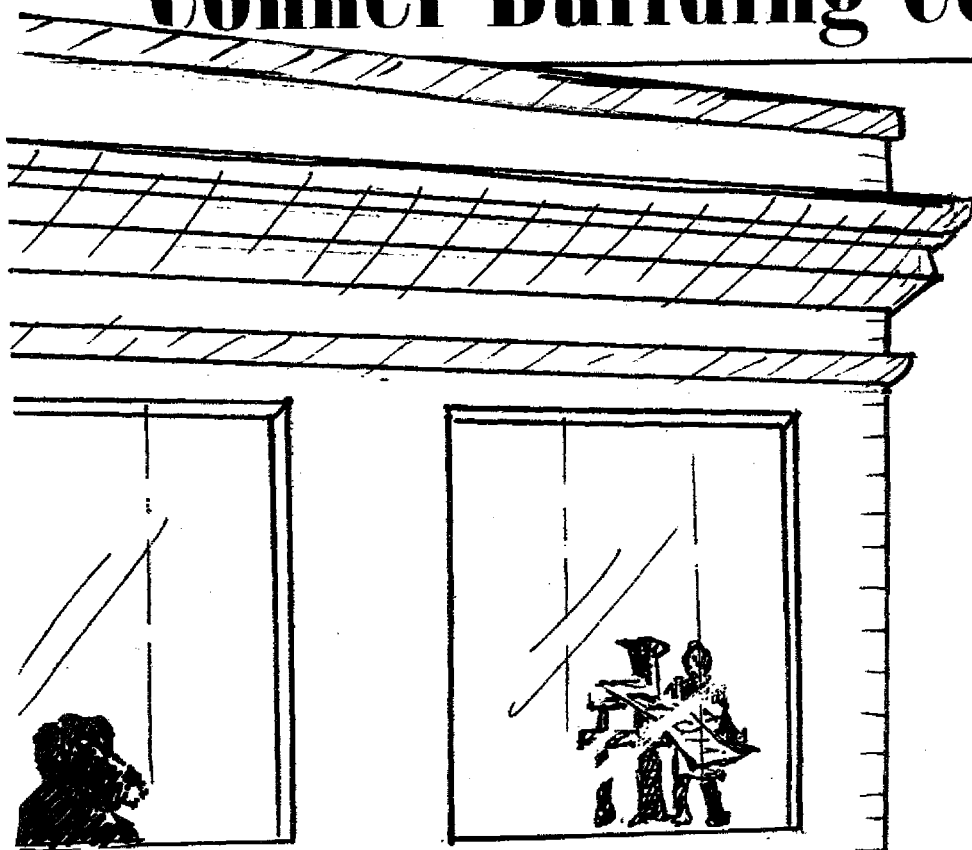
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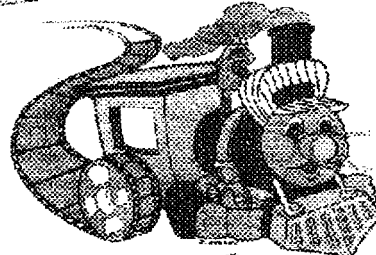
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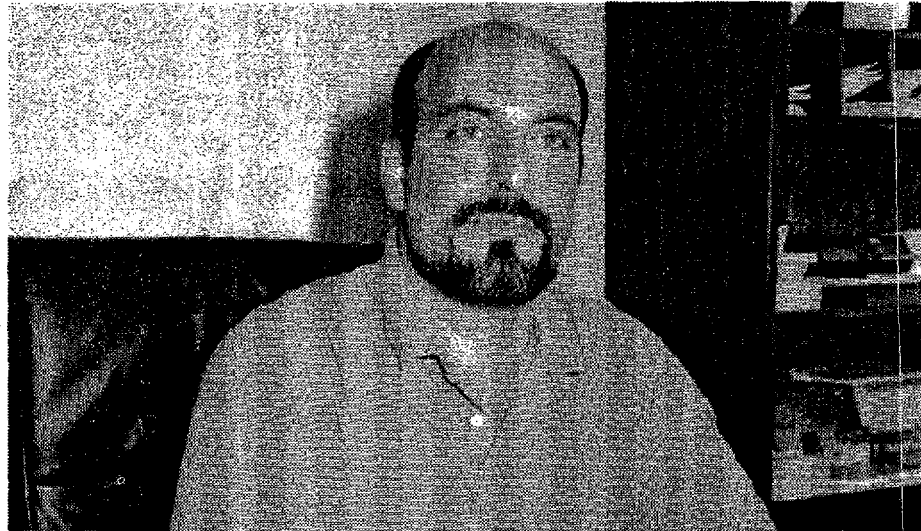


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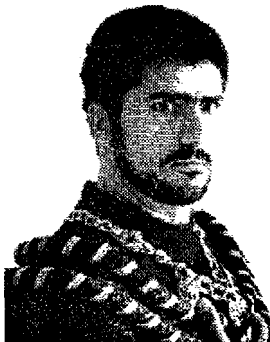
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Wes Smith

Learning the family business from his father and grandfather, Wallace (Wes) Smith is the owner and president of E&E Manufacturing Company, Inc. in Plymouth.

Smith, 41, began working full-time at E&E — a supplier of metal stampings and fasteners for the automotive industry — when he was 16.

Around the area Smith is active in the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Manufacturing Association, Michigan Tooling Association,

Plymouth Kiwanis, Plymouth Community Arts Council, Plymouth Historical Society, Plymouth Community United Way and the Precision Metalforming Association.

Smith supports four facilities providing assistance to mentally handicapped and abused children; supports an ongoing benevolence program with inner-city churches; and supplies gift baskets to about 150 families at Christmas.

Smith and wife, Joan, have been married for 22 years and have three children — daughters Jeanne, 17, and Amanda, 12, and son Wes, 5. The Smith family resides in Novi.

Mike Weaver

He's the newest banker in town, who's been here for years.

Mike Weaver is Regional President of Peoples State Bank at the recently opened Plymouth Branch. Before joining Peoples, though, he spent 14 years at the Plymouth First of America, the last 10 of which he was the region's senior lender.

Weaver has also been active in AWANA, a program for students



from kindergarten to sixth grade, and in homeschool activity group functions.

He and his wife Julie live with their six children in Livonia.

Margaret Slezak

One local woman has had a hand in bringing a bank to the City of Plymouth, and is now charged with the responsibility of keeping it up-and-running.

Margaret Slezak, vice president and senior commercial lender at People's State Bank, has been working at banks in and around Plymouth for years. She's also called Plymouth home for 27 years.

Elected to the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce board of directors in 1981, she has been



active in the community on a volunteer basis ever since. She was elected president of the chamber's executive board in 1985, and named the chamber's Volunteer of the Year in 1995.

The Plymouth branch of People's bank is located at 245 N. Main Street, in the Charleston Square area.

Margaret Dunning

A true Plymouth legacy, Dunning has not only seen the city's history... She has become part of it.



To understand the worldly business acumen of Margaret Dunning, you had to be seated by her during the formal dinner for 400 at the swearing in of the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, England. As the Royal Marine Band played, Margaret held the attention of two Members of Parliament, labour leaders and newspaper editors as she discussed foreign trade and the world economy.

But to understand her knowledge and insight into The City of Plymouth, you only need to listen.

Her answers to questions about the city filter through years of experience; for every story she tells there are five she doesn't. She has lived the City's history.

It was her mother who donated the original structure for Plymouth's first library. The name Dunning has been on all

libraries built since.

After years in Plymouth banking she left to open a clothing store, Dunning's. She owned and operated the shop in downtown Plymouth for 30 years before she sold it to Minerva Chaiken (also listed in this issue) and retired.

Retired, yes, except for her 19 years as president of Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth and longer as a board member.

The ties she made as a business person and nearly life-long resident of Plymouth, she says, have built her love for the city.

Following her mother's altruistic example, she expressed that love through donation and financed the addition of two bas-relief murals to the front exterior of the Plymouth Historical Museum in 1996.

Ray Stella

At his contracting firm, they've got designs on success.

Ray Stella and his son, Jeff, work together at Ray R. Stella Contracting, and Kitchens by Stella in The City of Plymouth. The business has operated for more than 39 years.

In 1996 Remodeling Magazine named them among the Big 50 list of professional remodelers. The Stellas combine keen marketing and design to earn their spot with the best of their trade.

They're both members of Michigan Remodeling Association, of which Jeff is board of directors member.

Community and professional organizations benefit from the Stellas' merits, too. Ray is an elder at Plymouth's First Presbyterian Church.

An annual volunteer, Ray will work with the Y.M.C.A. at the Fall Fest again this year. If you see him, he may look familiar. He's also a member of the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team, who have entertained parade crowds in Plymouth, Detroit and outstate.

He and wife Kathie have been married for 39 years. They have a daughter, Kara, and sons Mike and Jeff.

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10/10 Salem vs. Farmington
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10/31 Salem Playoff
10/31 Salem vs. Canton

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9/18 Salem vs. Livonia Franklin
9/25 Canton vs. Farmington
9/30 Salem vs. Flint Northern
10/2 Canton vs. Livonia Franklin
10/7 Salem vs. Northville
10/14 Canton vs. Livonia Stevenson
10/16 Salem vs. Walled Lake Central
10/21 Canton vs. Salem
10/23 Canton vs. Northville
10/28 Canton vs. North Farmington
10/30 Salem vs. Livonia Stevenson
11/6 Canton Playoff
11/11 Salem Playoff
11/14 Conference Finals
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Ken Currie

Ken Currie puts the Community in Community banking.

The 58-year old Plymouth resident is a Community Bank President of First of America bank in Plymouth.

Currie has been a chairperson of

Kay Arnold

For 15 years Kay Arnold has been the business manager for Colonial Collision in Plymouth, but she has also helped to smooth out many bumps and dings in her own community.

Her service includes the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce board for six years, being a part-time elected official on the Plymouth board of

Charles Kaufman

At 77 years of age, retired circuit court judge Judge Charles Kaufman is a survivor.

He was the sole survivor of the 10-person crew of a B-24 bomber shot down near Calcutta during WWII. During his time as a P.O.W., Kaufman was a cell mate of Pappy Boyington, one of the most famous fighter pilots of the war.

Kaufman graduated from Wayne State Law School in 1948, and practiced law until 1959, when he was elected to Detroit's Common Police Court. He became a circuit court judge in 1964, and retired in 1992.

When the 35th District courthouse burned down July 2, Kaufman emerged from retirement

Bob Carrigan

Canton's Alphagraphics was started six years ago to fill a growing need in a growing community.

Owner Bob Carrigan has been behind the scenes in P-C-N's industry and commerce for longer than that, working in the human resource departments of larger corporations like General Motors and Plymouth's Johnson Controls.

the community fund and the Plymouth United way, and has served on the Chamber of Commerce board for eight years.

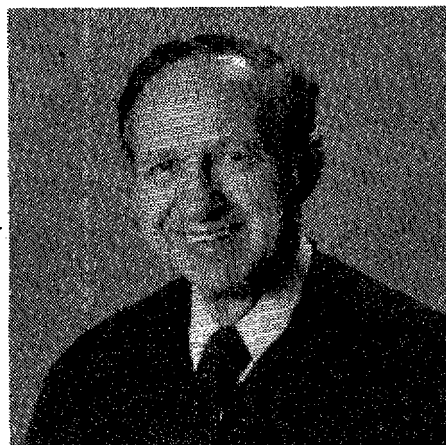
He attends Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. He and his wife, Carole have three kids, and one grandchild.

trustees, the planning commission, and also a township representative for the court authority.

It is no wonder that she was named Volunteer of the year in 1992.

Arnold has four grown children, three daughter-in-laws, and five grandchildren.

Currently her favorite hobby is to "unstress" in her garden.



to help alleviate the caseload and join the rebuilding process.

Most of Kaufman's spare time was taken up with studying law, but he managed to sneak in membership of the Eagles, Elks and the Masonic Order. A tournament bridge player, He has won several tournaments. He and his wife, Mary K. Kaufman, have been married 25 years, and have nine children between them.

He lives in Plymouth Township.

Carrigan, 56, serves on the executive board of Canton's Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of Plymouth's chamber, as well.

Carrigan is a member of the Plymouth Rotary. He graduated from Michigan State University, and holds a masters Degree from Forstburg College in Maryland.

He lives in Canton.

Earl & Bonny Smith

You can't swing a cat in downtown Plymouth without hitting a building owned by Earl and Bonny Smith.

BY SCOTT SPEILMAN

The Smiths have been in the retail property business for more than 15 years and has amassed enough buildings to cover a life-sized monopoly board.

From car washes to oil changes to the Engraving Station to the Animation Station, Smith-owned buildings could cover an entire city block.

Other buildings include the 100-year old Conner Building and the Box Bar Building.

Bonny Smith has long been known for her love of and involvement in the newly-redecorated Penn Theatre. The theatre is one of the last great



independent old-style movie theatres this side of the Mississippi. Serving a wide audience and with a loyal patron base, the theatre is a centerpiece in reviving downtown Plymouth.

Earl Smith is more than involved with the Chamber of Commerce; he owns the building. But managing his businesses keep him too busy for much else, he said.

As if he didn't have enough to do, he will soon be opening a new self-storage facility near Five Mile and Beck roads.

The Smiths split their time between a home in Plymouth Township and a home in northern Michigan. They have one daughter.

Thomas Morse

He work with with his hands, but Thomas Morse, DDS, PC of the Morse Dental Group in Plymouth plays with his feet.

Morse does this as an avid runner and has completed 35 marathons. He is also a member of the Harley Davidson motorcycle club, bowls and golfs.

Morse stays active with the Plymouth Elks, YMCA, the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team, past president and 10 year board member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and director of the Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run the last 15 years.

Morse sponsors the Ice Festival,



the Music Festival, amateur baseball and several hockey teams, and he is a Fourth of July Parade fundraiser.

The dentist lives in Brighton and has three children — Kelle Liabenow, Kim Morse, and Tom Morse, along with a grandson, River Garland Morse.

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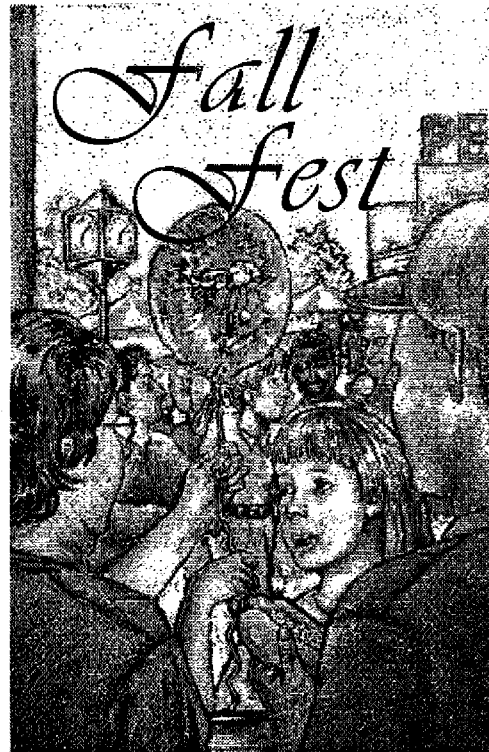
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Dianne Quinn

As President of Art in the Park Inc., Dianne Quinn not only paints the town red, but also blue, green, and yellow.

Her business of art and craft promotions have made her very active in the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Since 1992 she has held the presidency, board membership, and facility committee.

This mother of one has received many honors including the Mayors Award and the Ambassador for the City of Plymouth for her



community spirit.

Her latest project is the first Old Village Craft Fair this October.

Liz Burnside

Hiking the Grand Canyon from rim to rim is just one of Liz Burnside's many accomplishments.

She is the Manager of Human Resources for Dow Corning STI and is also known as an ambitious student, mother of two, and a frequent traveler.

As a member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce she is active with the Board of Directors, also with the Governmental Relations,

Education, Auction and Industrial committees.

She also is a past member of the Executive Board of Directors, the Southeastern Michigan Industry Liaison Group, and the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table of the National Conference.

Burnside is currently enrolled in the Masters of Science in Administration program at Central Michigan University.

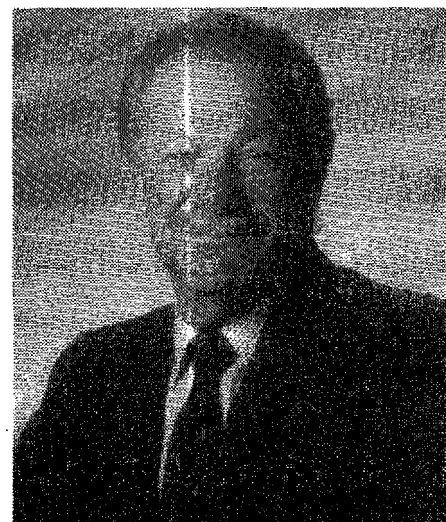
Her interests also include golf, hiking, travel, and foreign language study.

James Jabara

James Jabara, owner of JMJ Properties, flies high above the rest with his exceptional list of civic duties past and present.

An adventurous private pilot, Jabara's special flair for getting involved and serving his community led to the honor of being both the Mayor of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth's City Commissioner.

Former chairman and member of the 36th District court Advisory Board is only the beginning. As a current Kiwanis Club member, his membership list also includes the Salvation



Army, Plymouth Family Service, Plymouth's Historical Society, the Library Board and the building committee for the 35th District court.

He and his wife Anita have sons Jason, Michael, and Martin and three grandchildren.

John & Toni Genitti

From grocery store, to restaurant, to dinner theatre, the Genittis have seen and done it all



More than just food and fun, Northville's little hole-in-the-wall is home to innovative community programs.

John and Toni Genitti, owners of Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall on main street, started with just a meat and grocery store back in 1971. In November of 1979 they knocked out a side wall to give birth to the restaurant. Since then, they have expanded adding a gift shop, a downstairs dining room, and of course Genitti's little theatre.

Toni is this years President of the Downtown Northville Merchants' Association.

Two to three times weekly, year-round, the restaurant offers discounts to area seniors for an afternoon of Italian delights and entertainment. Starting with Genitti's famous seven course

meal, they play bingo, and then attend a 45-minute stage production.

John is known for his spontaneous stand-up routine before the meals in which he harasses his guests in jest.

The cast for the entertainment sometimes even includes their children; Andrew, Laura, and Tina. Most importantly, members of the audience actually get pulled right up on the stage to be a part of the performance.

Offering comedies to murder mysteries, this family owned get-a-way spot has become a main attraction and the family will treat you like one of their own.

In their spare time the Genitti's enjoy being on the water in their boat.

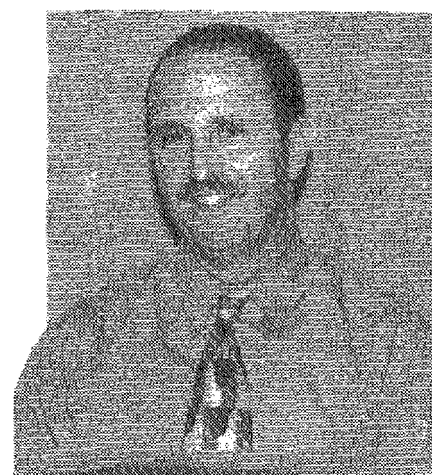
Mike Gerou

Plymouth attorney Michael Gerou has figured in quite a number of local projects and committees over the years.

Gerou, 42, recently helped formulate and develop the concept for the new regional Catholic school, scheduled to open this month in Canton.

As chair of Canton Chamber of Commerce's by-law Committee, he helped draft new by-laws adopted in 1995 which he said has increased the chamber's democratic function.

As chair of the chamber's Golf Committee, the 1996 golf outing doubled the previous year's profit. During his term as chamber president, their membership count and financial reserves are both at



all-time highs.

Gerou is an instructor of seminars on legal topics for Plymouth-Canton Community Education and a volunteer attorney for Wayne County Legal Services.

He attends St. Kenneth Catholic Church of Plymouth.

Gerou lives in Plymouth with wife Jane, and three children: Miles, 4, Elaine, 2, and Nolan, five months.

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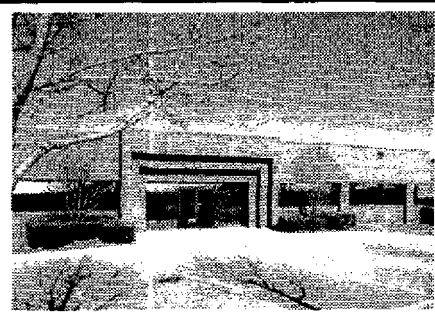


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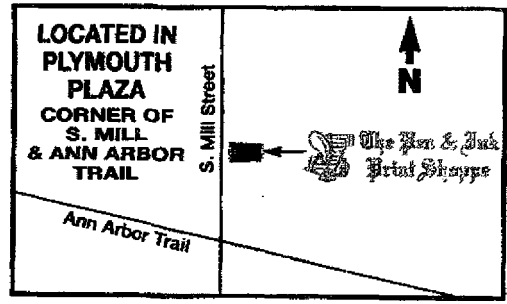
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Bob DeMattia

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The company was among the first to begin the westward development of P-C-N. The Metro West Industrial and Technology Parks were begun in the 1980s.

As people continue to move into Plymouth, Canton and Northville,



DeMattia has continued to move area commercial developments toward completion. The Busch's shopping center at Five Mile and Sheldon Roads is one of his most recent projects.

Outside of work, DeMattia is active as a regent at Eastern Michigan University. He also works with New Morning School in Plymouth Township, and donated his company's services for its current expansion project.

In his free time, DeMattia is known as a Harley-Davidson enthusiast and rode his hog through South America with former Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry.

Together, DeMattia and Berry are working to open a Harley-Davidson dealership they co-own in Taylor, MI.

John Thomas

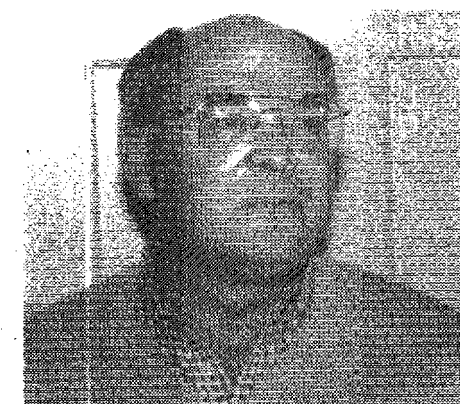
After 29 years of business in Plymouth, his law firm has grown along with the community.

Thomas, 56, is a founding partner of Sempliner, Thomas and Boak, Attorneys at Law in Plymouth in 1968.

The firm specializes in real estate law and development, commercial law, business law and evaluation of business opportunities.

Before the firm, Thomas spent five years teaching history and political science for the Plymouth Community School District.

The Canton resident was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1968, the State Bar of Kentucky in 1976, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan in 1968, U.S. Supreme



Court in 1984, Suburban Bar Association in 1968 and the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in 1996.

Thomas was president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce in 1972, was a member of the First of America Bank board of directors for 12 years, was the former Canton Township attorney and was the former Plymouth-Canton School Board attorney.

Betty Jean Awrey

Many in P-C-N are familiar with Awrey Bakeries. But satisfying sweet cravings isn't Betty Jean Awrey's only concern.

She is the Vice President of Public Relations and Government Affairs for Awrey Bakeries, Inc.

In 1996 Governor Engler appointed her to the Michigan Department of Transportation

Commission and the Michigan State Parks Foundation.

She's been president of both the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Other efforts include being on the boards of the Boy Scouts of America, the Livonia Family YMCA, and the Hearts of Livonia.

Awrey's also involved with education including Madonna University and Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Jack Demmer

If you do one thing, and you do it well, you will stay in business.

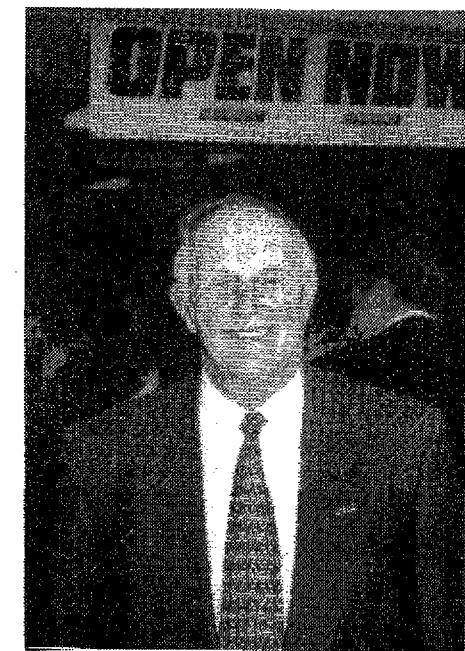
Look at Jack Demmer.

Jack Demmer Ford is one of the area's first car dealers. Located on Michigan Avenue in Wayne, it has been a mainstay and a respected business in Wayne as well as surrounding business communities.

Demmer, as CEO of the dealer, has run it since it opened. Maybe he likes staying in one place — he has lived in the same house in Dearborn for 46 years.

Demmer has been on the board of most business clubs in the area, counting the Wayne, Westland, and Canton Chambers of commerce. He served as president of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

Nor does his community work stop there. He is a director of the Youth Living Centers, a board member of the Canton Community Foundation and a founder of the



Wayne 100 club, of which he is still a member.

Demmer's business philosophy and expertise have led him to be nominated the Wayne Business person of the year in 1985, an interservice club person of the year in Dearborn, and earned him recognition for outstanding service to the community by Wayne-Westland YMCA.

Demmer has six children and 21 grandchildren.

Susan Clark

She's a CPA that P-C-N can count on.

Serving as this years Kiwanis Club president, this mother of four is on the faculty at Schoolcraft College Continuing Education, the treasurer for the Fall Festival board, and a member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

From 1992 through 1994 she developed the Basis Aid for Babies and Youth Drive (BABY.) that organized community contributions and items for distribution to needy families through the local salvation army.

Clark was voted the Kiwanian of the Year in 1994.

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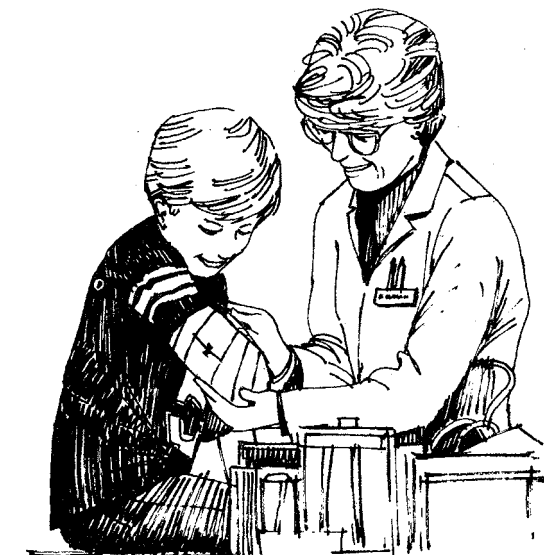
Cold Ca\$h

Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township has brought more to the community than just great hockey.



In the 19th century, if Plymouth residents wanted ice for use in their homes, they had to buy it from salesmen (far left). While they don't have to buy it by the block anymore, the ice business is bigger than ever before, thanks to the Plymouth Whalers and Compuware Arena (left).

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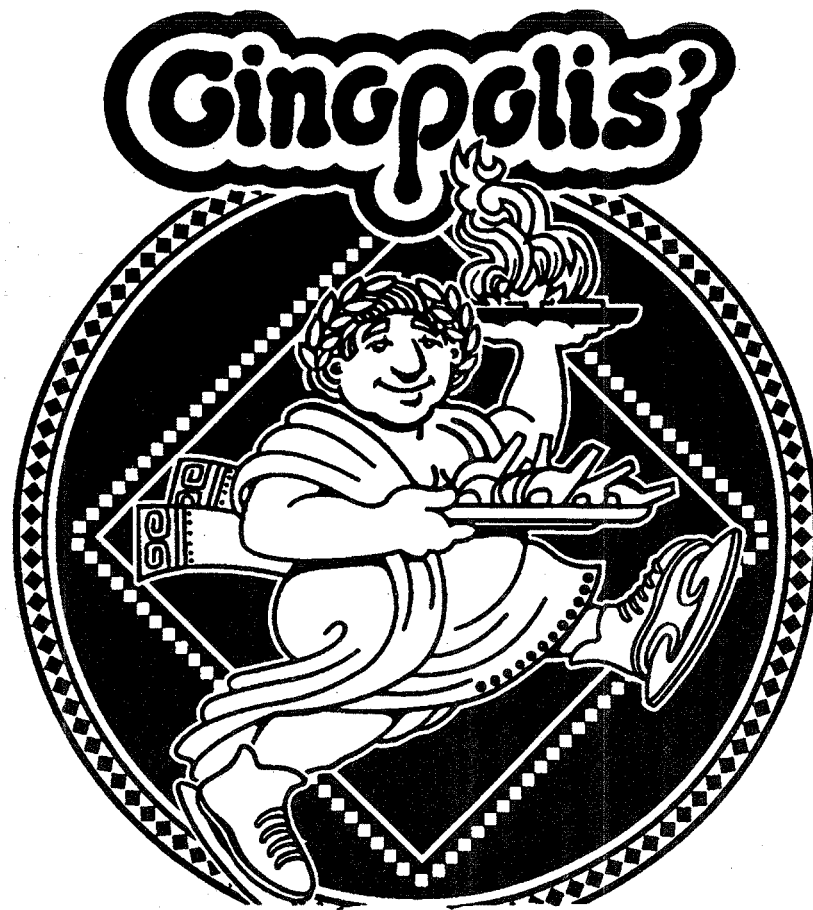
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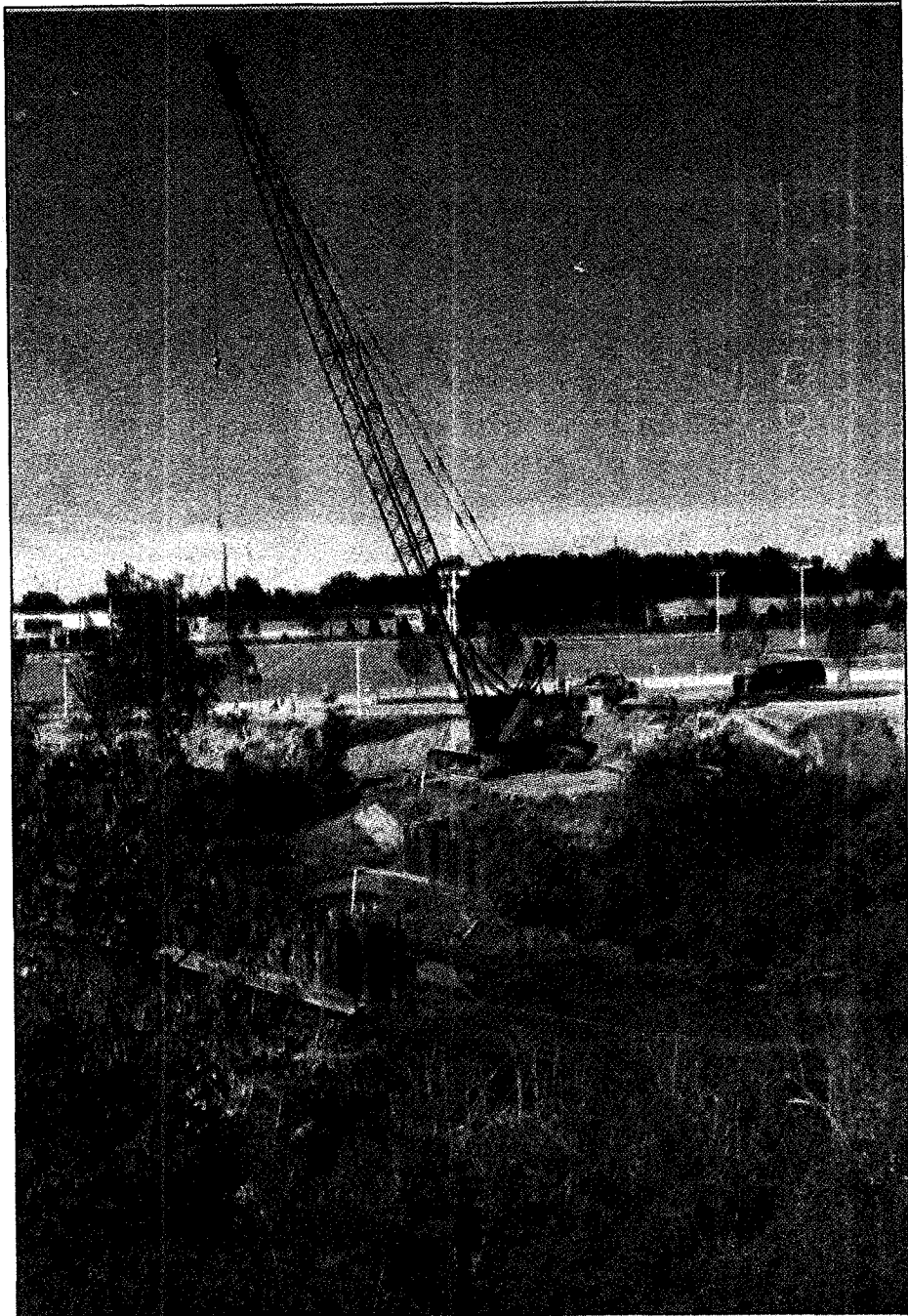
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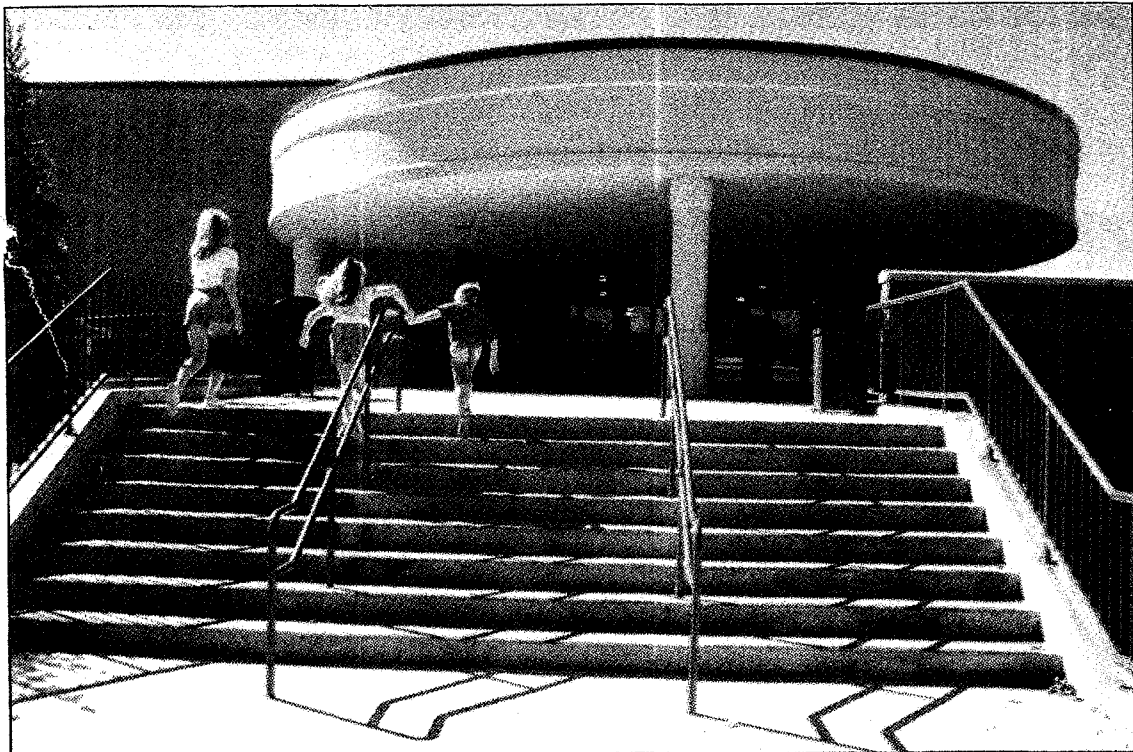
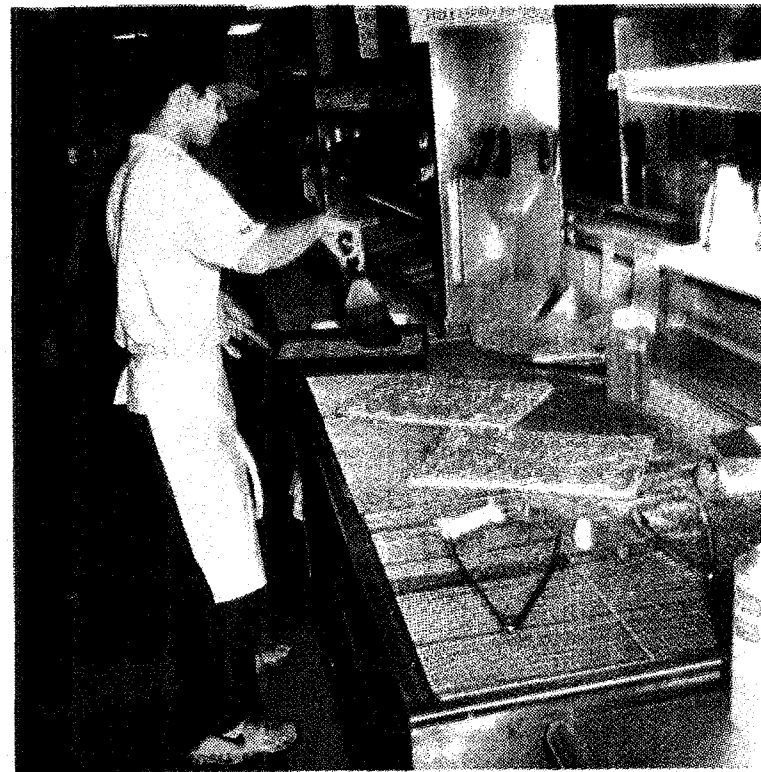
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Construction has been a long and ongoing process at the arena since more than a year ago (right). The final product (below) is a community home to local ice skating and hockey clubs, as well as the Plymouth Whalers OHL team.

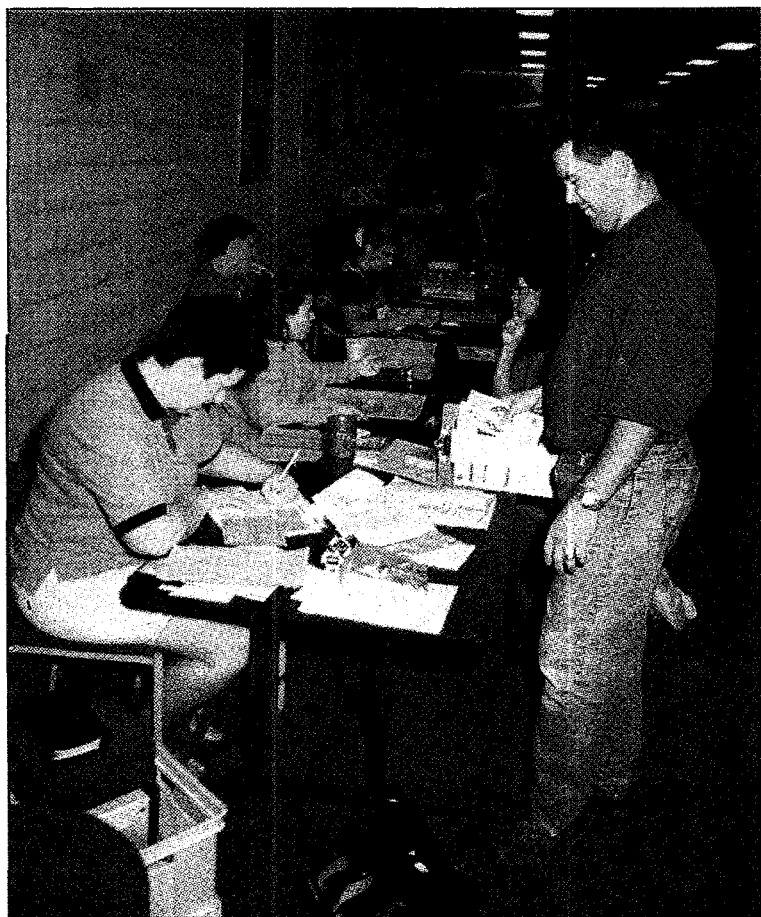
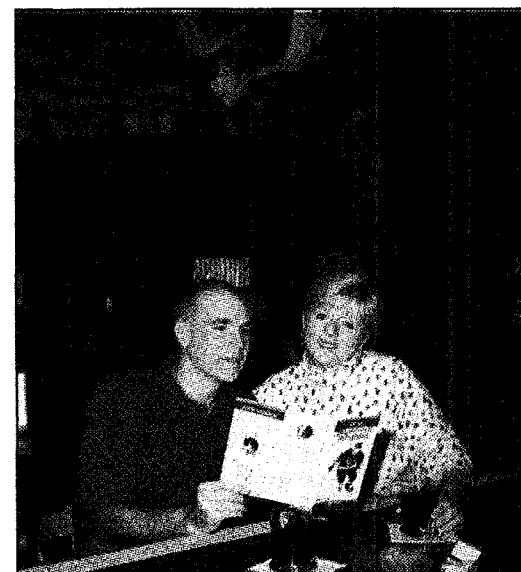
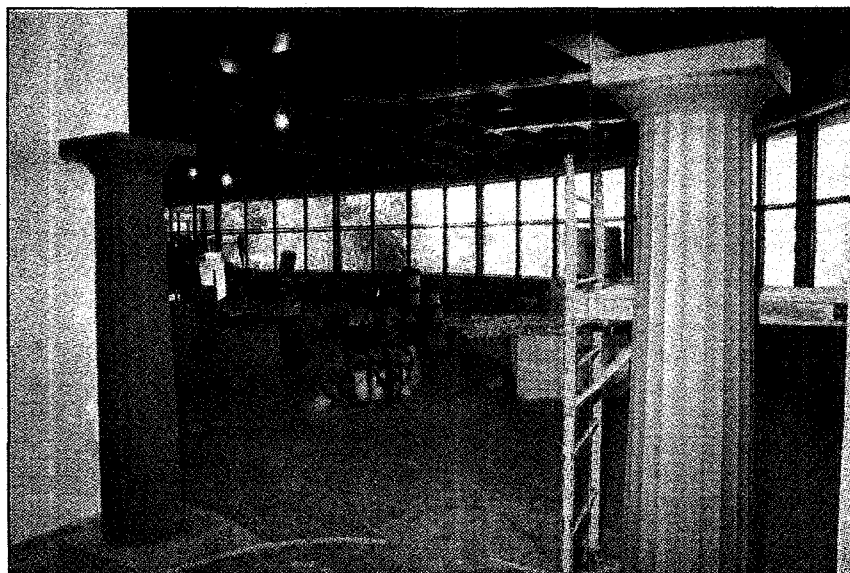


The arena is home to much more than just hockey teams. Ryan Gauthier runs a skate sharpener at the Pro Shop (left), and Mike Chabala prepares Papa Romano's pizza (below). Concessions are big business during game times (bottom).





Under construction at the arena right now is Ginopolis Parthenon Restaurant (right), which will serve fans before and after home games, as well as all week long during and after hockey season. Business is already spilling over into nearby restaurants like Nothville's Timber Creek, where Lisa and Bob Lepping peruse a Whalers schedule.



Todd McFarlane, creator of the comic book Spawn and president of McFarlane Toys, is a major sponsor of the arena ... as this ice cleaner suggests (above). The arena also hold many league hockey events that draw registrants (above, left) and players (left) to the community.





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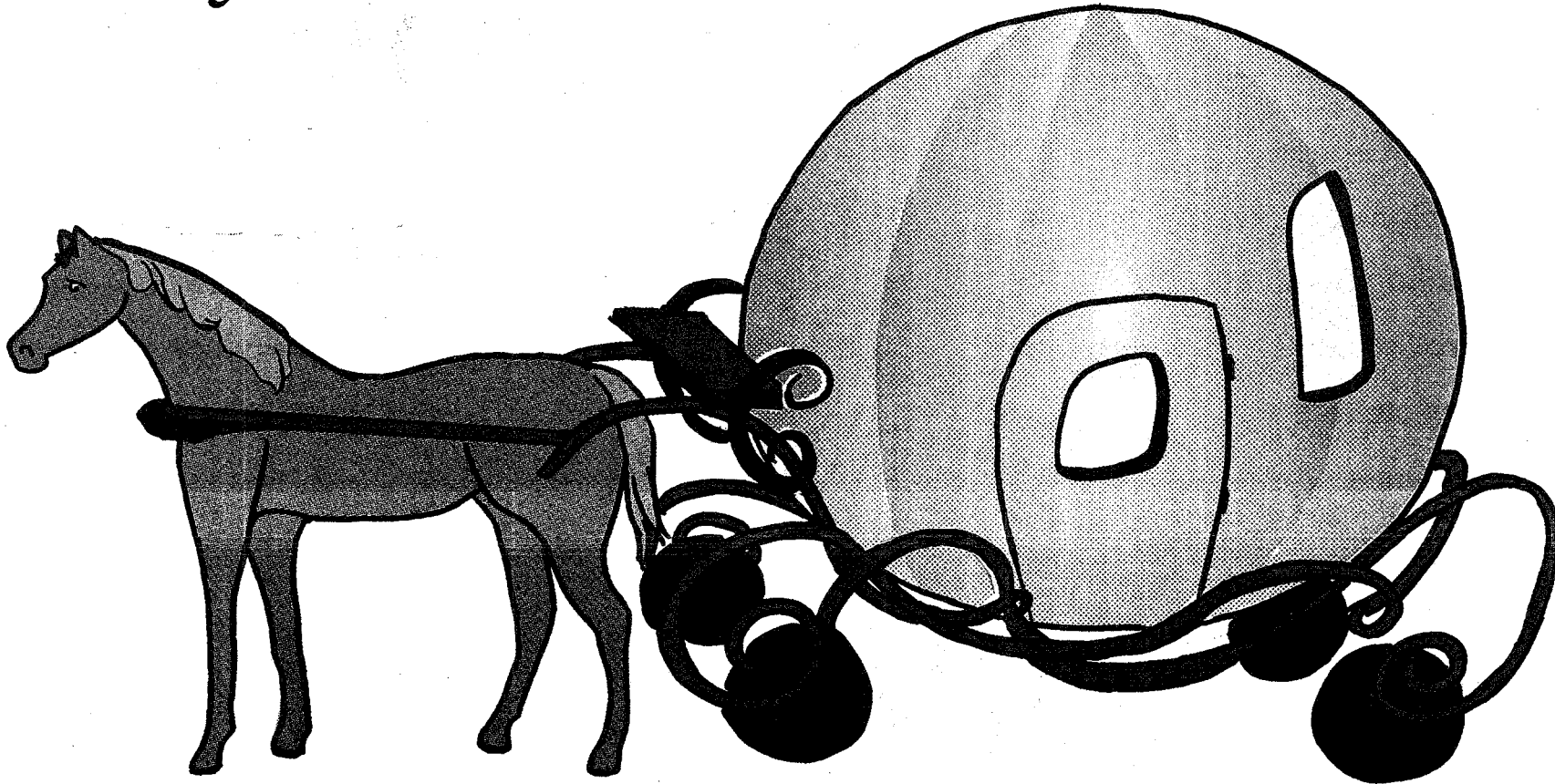
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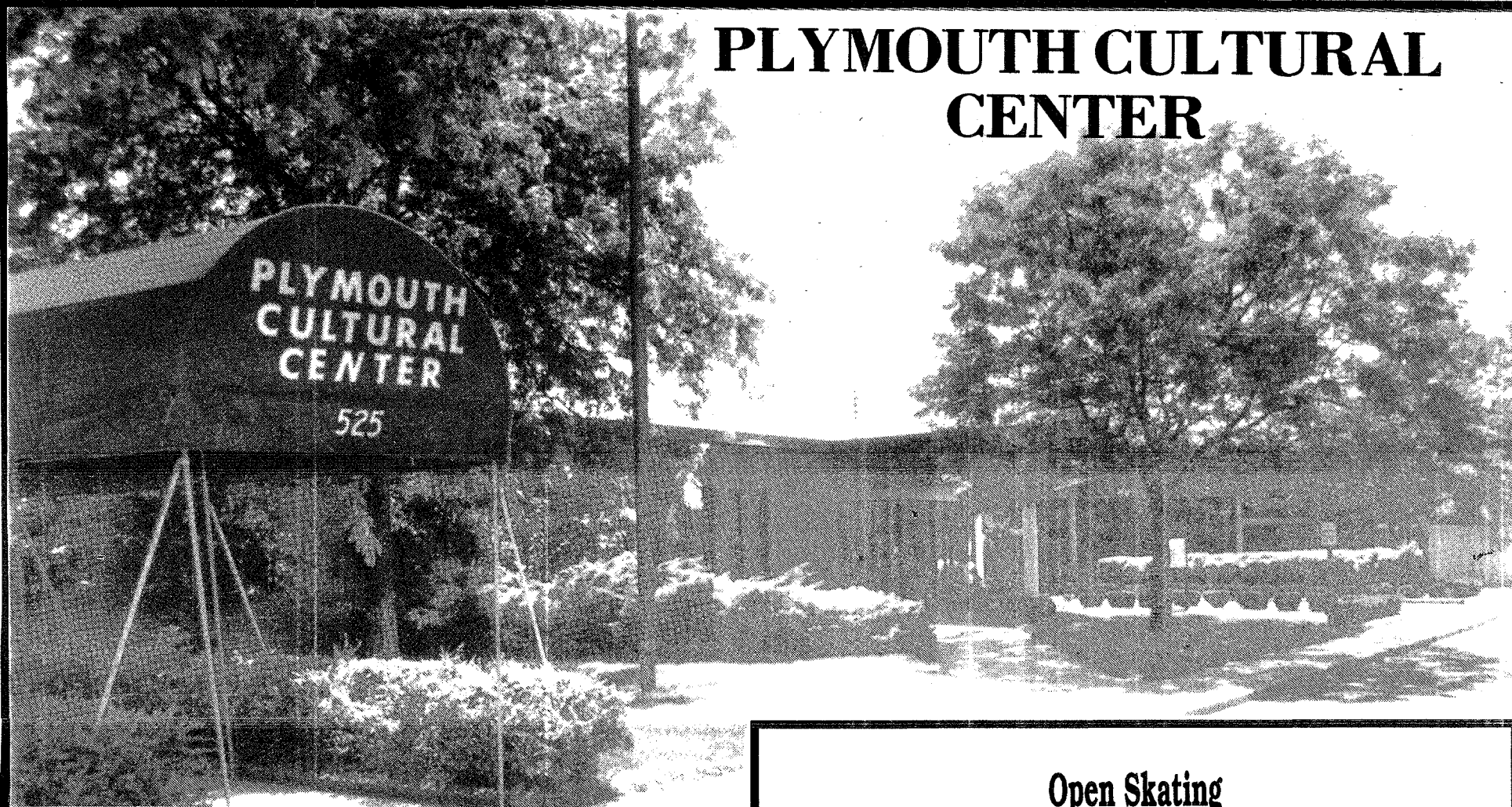
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Arts

Theatre Guild another original exhibitor

The Plymouth Theatre Guild is older than the Fall Festival itself, and has been taking part since the first official festival, according to Karen Groves, spokesperson from the guild.

The guild's booth will be

selling standard festival fare, including cotton candy for \$2, pop, lemonade and coffee for \$1; Arizona Iced Tea for \$1.75 and cookies and candy bars for \$1.

The fundraiser is important to the guild to raise money for their

productions, Grove said.

It's also a good way to advertise, Grove said.

The guild's performances are at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven

Road between Haggerty and Northville roads.

Scheduled for this season are Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" and "Sweet Charity," and Joseph Kesselring's "Arsenic and Old Lace."x

Arts Council show packs Central Middle School

ROOM 1 — GYMNASIUM

Judy Berlinski - Vinyl Ornaments

Jan Cunningham - Diamond Cut Pewter

Pauline Hibbard - Appliqued Clothing

Lucy Bart - Handwoven Baskets

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Jackie Furtak - Country Dolls

Gina's - Jewelry & Painted Clothing

Marianne Akers - Holiday Dolls

Forever Young - Ceramics/Fabrics

Katherine Kidston Renberg - Jewelry

Frankly Country - Coats & Jackets

Festival a major fund raiser

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will have its 1997 artists and craftsmen show during this year's Fall Festival, making it the 26th year the show has been a part of the Festival.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Somthing Moore - Calligraphy

Rose Marie Pintek - Beanie Baby Accessories

The Whimsical Mind - Ceramic Santa Clauses

Kathy Remisiewicz - Cloth Dolls & Toys

Bob's Custom Woodcrafts - Wood-Glass-Metals

D. Taylor Designs - Ceramic Jewelry

Shar-Chez Creations - Textiles

Joan Woodward - Decorative Painting

Olga Roy - Jewelry

KTT - Primitive Dolls

Olde Folks - Tole Painted Wood

Martha's Patchwork - Quilted Items

Born to Bend-Kathleen Bolan - Beaded Jewelry

Basket Peddlers - Fabric & Wood Dolls

Patricia Riddell - Dried Floral Arrangements

Mary Mitchell/My Space -

Antique Tin

William R. Buesching - Wood Sculptures of Birds

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FRONT HALLWAY

Lorraine Justice - Dried & Silk Flowers

Tammy Summers - Baskets & Rugs

Wood & Ruffels - Oak and Cherry Furniture

Mary Lucksted - Decorative Painting

Dolan Dolls - Wooden Country Dolls

Nimble Needle - Cross Stitch Ornaments

ROOM 2 — CAFETERIA

Conrad Larson - Photography

Zable Belian - Pottery

Jon Tury - Acrylic Painting

Images Of Northern Michigan - Nature Photographer

D & M Studio/Dillenbeck - Oil & Watercolor

Hugh A. Burley - Oil Painting

Lossing's Country Furnishings - Wood Furniture

Joann Zuelch - Stained Glass

Imagine - Handmade Beaded Jewelry

Bourgeau-Richards Collection - Watercolors

Somers Primitive Painting - Acrylics-Lithographs

Janeen R. Mayers - Watercolors

Evelyn Oakley - Porcelain Art

Marlene De Foor - Painted Ornaments

Nancy Lenski - Painted Wood Items

BACK HALLWAY

Meredith Leigh Designs - Clothing

Mary Ellen Roy - Silk & Dried Flowers

Ellen Hajduk - Cross-Stitch

ROOM 3 — ANNEX

Twee's Floral - Floral Designs

Tami Gardner - Tole Painting

Fran West - Stained Glass

Whippersnappers - Wooden Items

Kathy Branch - Leather Jewelry

Peggy Hudson - Country Santas

OUTDOORS

Cassie Hoffman - Dried Flowers

Hearts & Crafts - Wood-Country Folk/Tole

Southwest Corner - Cactus Arrangements

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Yong Shim - Dried Floral Arrangements

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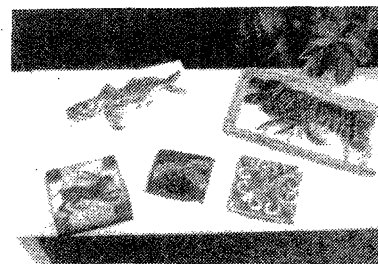
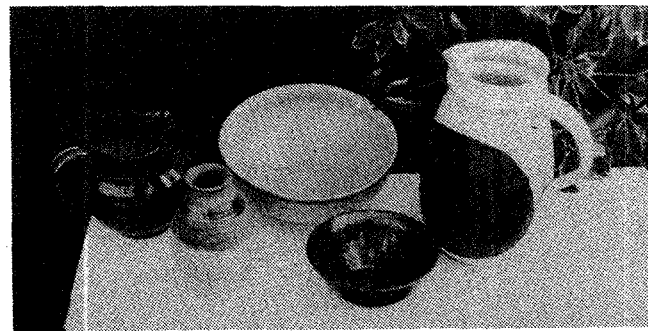
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Arts

Three Cities Art Club: a true original

The Three Cities Arts club has been exhibiting the artistic works of its members since the original Fall Festival.

A Fall Festival without the Three Cities Art Club wouldn't be the same.

That's because there's never been one.

The club has been a part of the festival since there has been a festival, according to spokesperson, Nancy Smith.

The club was originally for member of the Three Cities — Plymouth, Canton, and Northville — only, but Smith said today's membership is less stringent.

"We welcome anyone," she said.

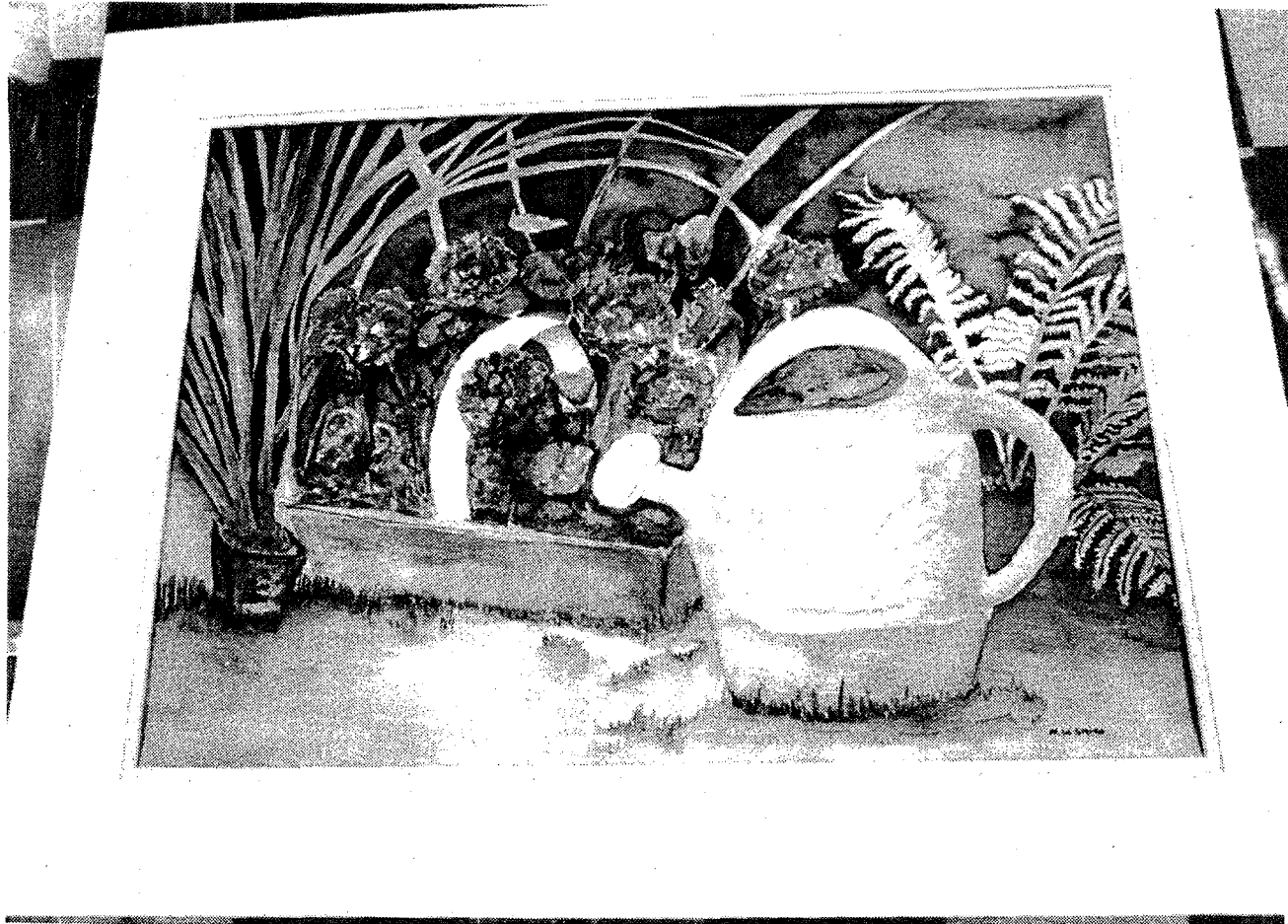
The art club will sell mixed kinds of art during the three-day event, including oil, pastels, watercolors and pottery.

An artist will be on hand demonstrating some type of art, she said, but exactly who hadn't been determined.

"We know we're going to have someone doing something," Smith said, "we just don't who."

The booth will feature local artist, including Smith herself, club president Jackie Daniels, Jean Bologna, Phyllis Hochlowski and newcomer Sigurd Skundberg, who works in oils.

All of the proceeds from the festival go into the club's treasury, Smith said. But making money isn't what the club is all about, Smith said.



"I just love doing it because of the people I meet," Smith said. "It's really gratifying."

The art club will also be recruiting new members at the festival. They meet once a month, for a short business meeting, followed by refreshments, and a guest speaker or

demonstration, Smith said.

"It's a lot of fun," Smith said. "But the shows are my favorite. When you paint, you usually paint on your own. But when you're out getting responses from your work, that's the best part of being an artist."



An example of just some of the works of art for sale at the Three Cities Art Club booth.

The Art Club has been taking part in the festival since there's been a festival to take part in, with works of art for sale, and demonstrations.





Other Festivals

One week ahead, one century ago

Northville's ninth Victorian Festival is scheduled for next weekend

BY BRYON MARTIN

There's still time to buy tickets to the Northville Victorian Festival Ball, but not much.

According to Laurie Marrs of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the ball is the premiere event at the City's annual festival, which runs Sept. 12 - 14 on Center and Main Streets in downtown Northville.

"That's the one thing people really need to hurry on," Marrs said. "We only sell 200 tickets and they go pretty fast."

The ball is held at the Northville Community Center which, like the rest of the downtown, is swathed in nineteenth century decor.

Throughout the festival, Victorian dress encouraged: many from the city and township of Northville, especially downtown business owners, don the suspenders, knickers, white lace and frill popular at the time Northville was founded.

Entertainment is also taken from the period: a circus with high-wire acts, a puppet show, a walking brass band and vintage-bicycle riders will make appearances. A traveling medicine man will hawk "remarkable roundies" from the back of his wagon.

A giant slide, swings and the queen's castle (a Victorianized moonwalk) will cater to the little tikes in the Kids' Korner.

Saturday and Sunday the Northville Arts Commission holds its fine art market on Center Street. Works from the juried show will be on sale.

Admission to the festival is free.

According to Marrs, this has helped bring and bigger crowds in each of the event's seven years.

"Compared to the Renaissance festival where you pay about \$15 to get in, there's no charge for our festival," Marrs said.

About 10,000 people are expected this year, she said, and the ball is certain to sell-out.

"It's the highlight of the festival," Marrs said. Learning the steps to Victorian dances isn't as hard as it sounds. "You can have 14 left feet and still know how to do it because it's shown to you."

"People get hooked and can't wait to come back."

Tickets to the Victorian Ball are \$\$\$\$ and can be purchased through the chamber of commerce, at (248) 349-7640.

Upcoming festivals

Festivals just a road trip away in September

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| Fall Festival - Clinton
Sept. 26-28 | Wayne County Lightfest -
Westland
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Sept. 5-7 |
| Septemberfest - Ortonville
Sept. 17-27 | Ethnic Festival - Ann Arbor
Sept. 14 | Hawk Festival -
Gibraltar/Rockwood
Sept. 20-21 | Detroit Festival of the Arts -
Detroit
Sept. 19-21 |
| Troy Daze Festival - Troy
Sept. 12-14 | Greek Festival - Lansing
Sept. 12-14 | Acorn Festival - Flat Rock
Sept. 6-7 | Sheep & Wool Festival -
Romeo
Sept. 27-28 |
| Llamafest - East Lansing
Sept. 6-7 | Lake City Festival of the Pines
- Lake City
Sept. 19-21 | Festival of the Arts - Detroit
Sept. 19-21 | Paul Bunyan Festival -
Goodells
Sept. 28 |
| Harvestfest - Brighton
Sept. 27 | Family Farmfest - Manchester
Sept. 20 | Ethnic Festival - Jackson
Sept. 6-7 | Festival of International
Cultures - Port Huron
Sept. 21 |
| Applefest - Fenton
Sept. 18-21 | Family Farmfest - Napoleon
Sept. 20 | Apple festival - Flint
Sept. 27-28 | Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz
Festival - Ann Arbor
Sept. 6-7 |
| Vintage Festival - Marine City
Sept. 20-21 | Fall Festival - Milford
Sept. 20-21 | Fall Festival of Arts & Crafts
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| West Bloomfield Autumnfest -
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Sept. 27-28 | Good Old Days Festival -
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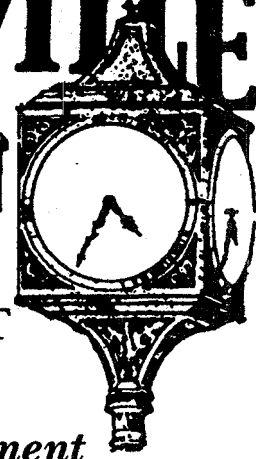
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9:30-12:00 Northville Public Schools
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5:00-9:00 Pony Rides
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Antique Show
6:00 Max The Moose/CS
6:30 Victorian Parade
7:30 Circus in the Round/BS
7:30 Kevin "The Uncanny"/CS
7:30 Dr. Rudy/Dunlap & Center

Saturday, September 13th

8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

8:30 Festival Fitness Walk
10:00-4:00 Victorian Home Tour
10:00-7:00 Fine Art Market
11:00-8:00 Antique Show
Non-Profit Booths
Pony Rides
11:00 Kevin "The Uncanny"/CS
11:00 Circus In the Round/BS
11:00-2:00 Children's Old Fashioned Games

Saturday, September 13th continued

11:30 Semcycle/BS
12:00 Max The Moose/CS
12:00-3:00 Ice Cream Social/Wing & Cady
12:00-5:00 Horse and Carriage Rides
12:30 Circus In the Round/BS
1:00-4:00 Mill Race Village Open
1:00 Kevin "The Uncanny"/CS
1:00 Pie Eating Contest/BS
1:30-3:00 Straw Hat Band/BS
2:00 Max The Moose/CS
3:00 Victorian Tea/Presbyterian Church
3:00 Kevin "The Uncanny"/CS
3:00 Semcycle/BS
3:30 Circus In the Round/BS
4:00 Victorian Tea/Presbyterian Church
4:00 Chatauqua Express/CS
5:00 Story Lady/CS
5:30 Circus In the Round/BS
6:00 Chatauqua Express/CS
7:30 Victorian Costume Ball

Sunday, September 14th continued

11:00-6:00 Fine Art Market
Antique Show
Non-Profit Booths
Pony Rides
11:00 Zeemo/CS
11:30 Circus In the Round/BS
12:00 Kevin "The Uncanny"/CS
12:00-1:30 Box Lunch Auction/BS
12:00-5:00 Horse and Carriage Rides
1:00 Zeemo/CS
1:00-4:00 Mill Race Village Open
1:00-3:00 Kids Games
2:00 Hat Contest
3:00 Duck Race
1:30 Circus In the Round/BS
2:00 Motor City Brass Band/BS
2:00 Max the Moose/CS
3:00 Kevin "The Uncanny"/CS
3:30 Circus In the Round/BS
4:00 Max the Moose/CS
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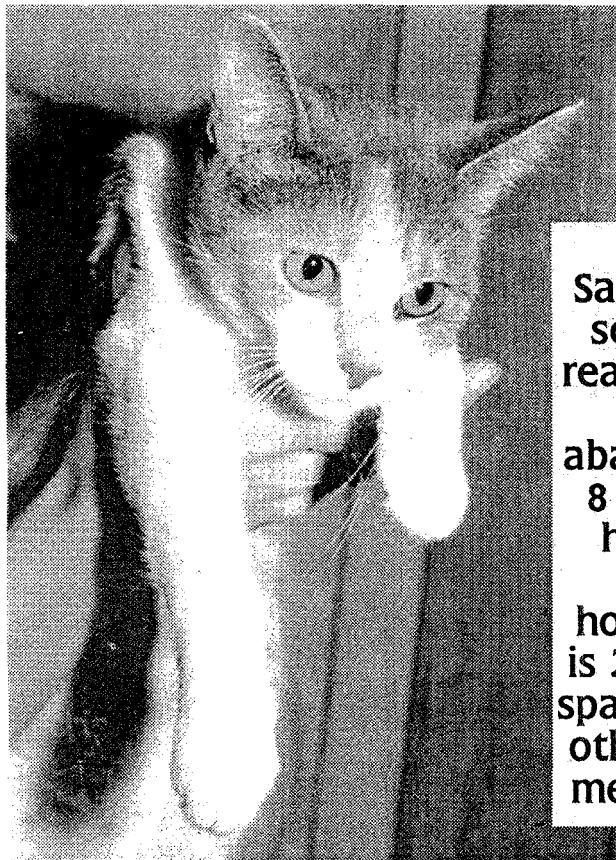


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SADIE/WSO11132

Sadie has made it through some rough times and is ready to settle into a loving home. She was found abandoned and nursing her 8 kittens. All her kittens have been adopted and now their tiny mom is hoping it's her turn. Sadie is 2 years old and has been spayed. She gets along with other cats and dogs. Come meet this sweet cat today!

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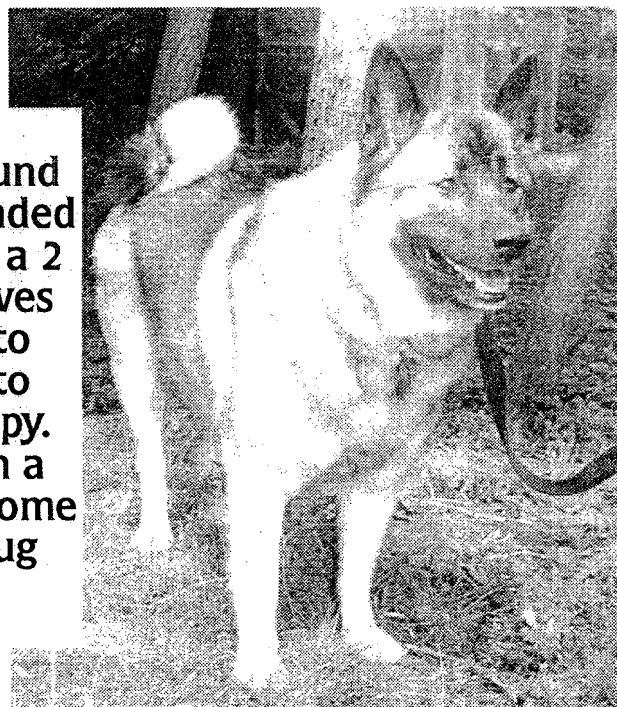
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Kitty Witty is a very cool 7 year old cat. This laid back feline is a little concerned about where she'll be spending her "golden years", but we are hoping to find her a new home as soon as possible. Kitty has already been spayed, and is declawed on all 4 paws. She is good with children, and would prefer to be the only pet in the house. Help put Kitty's fears to rest and adopt her today!

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THELMA/WSO12485

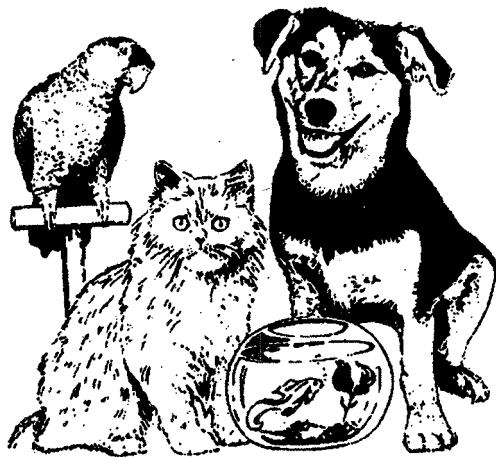
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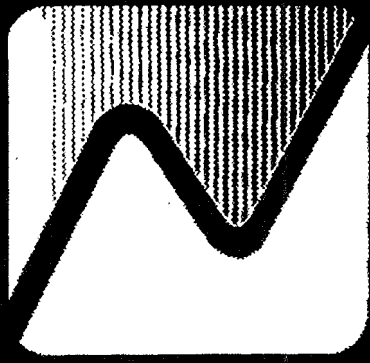


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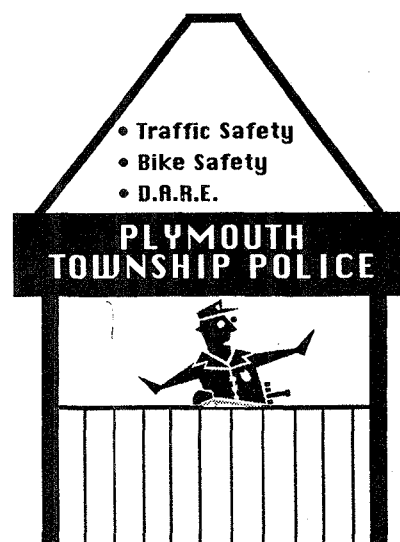
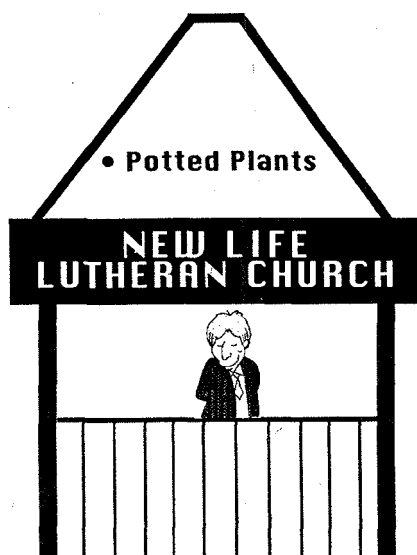
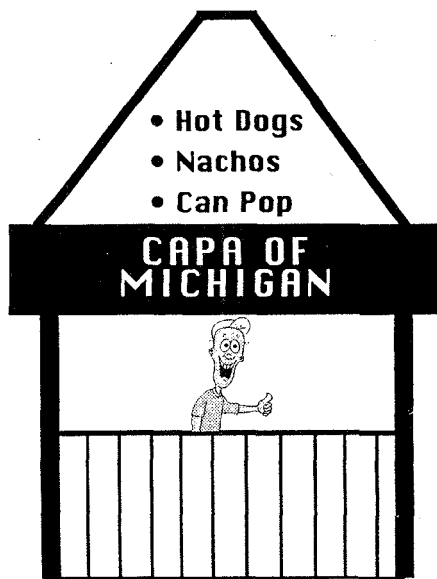
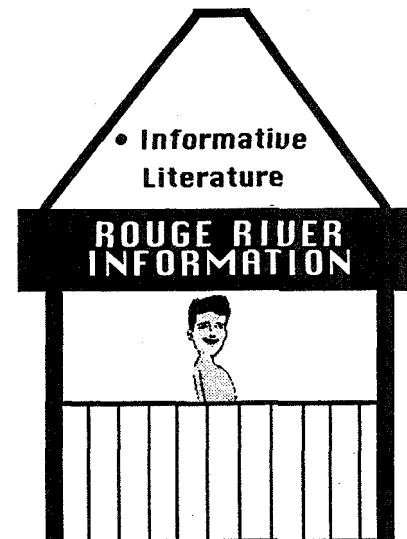
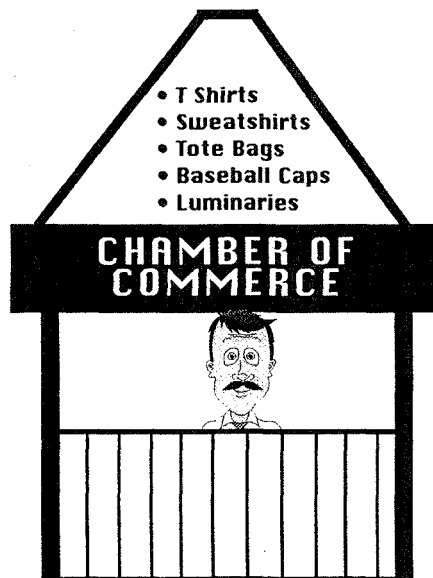
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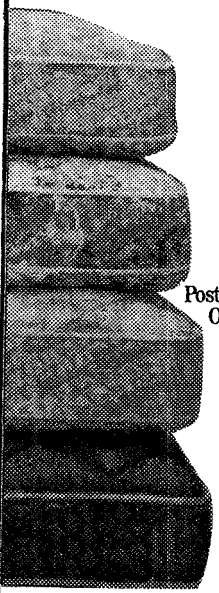
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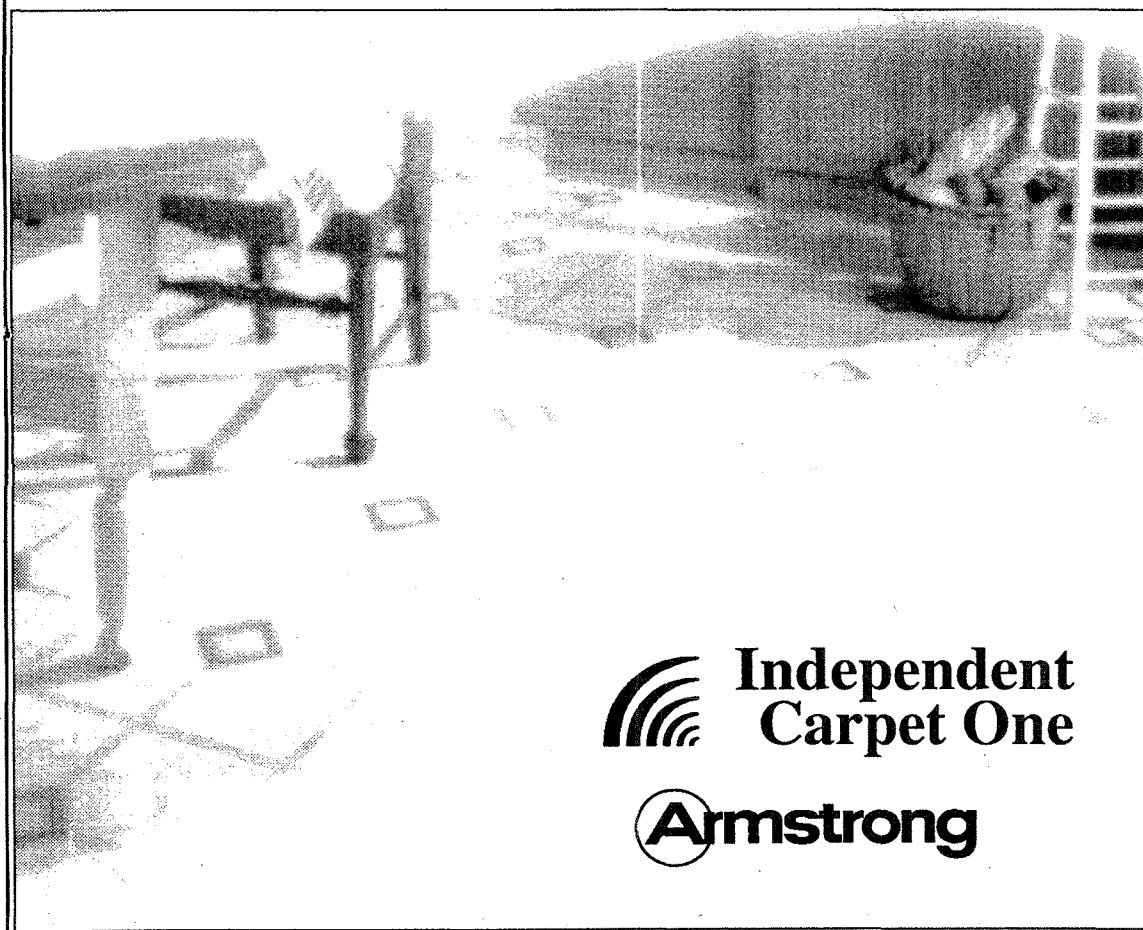
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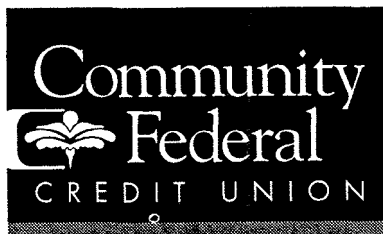
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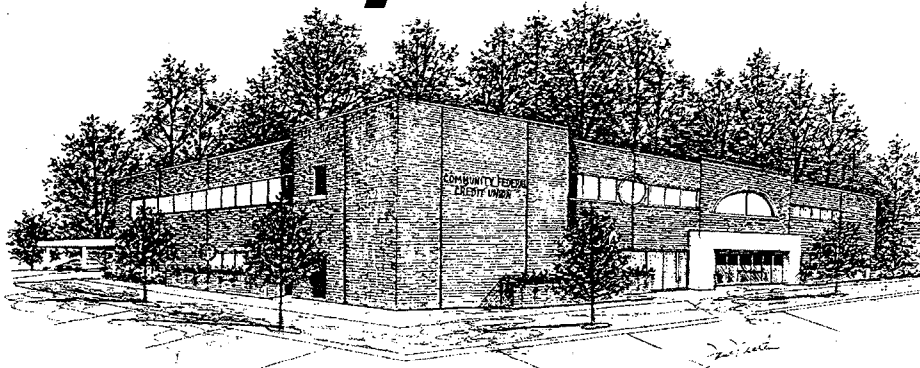
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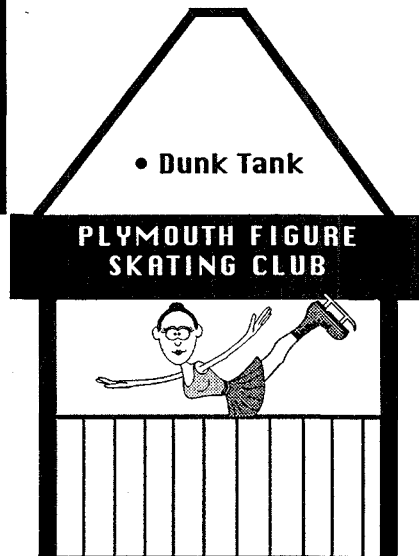
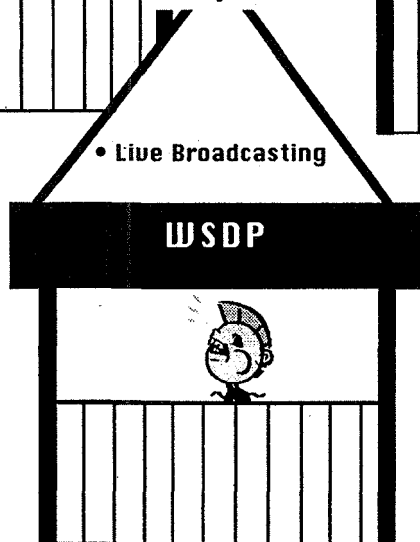
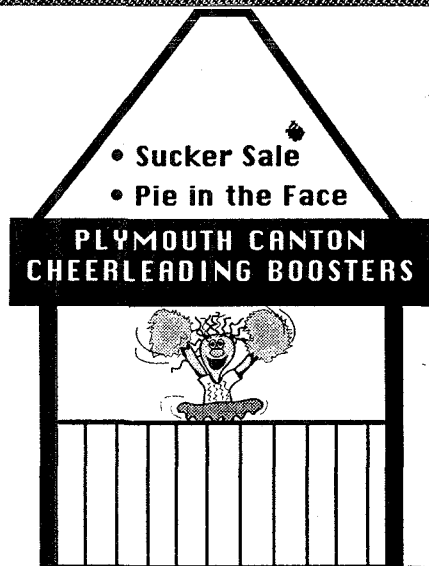
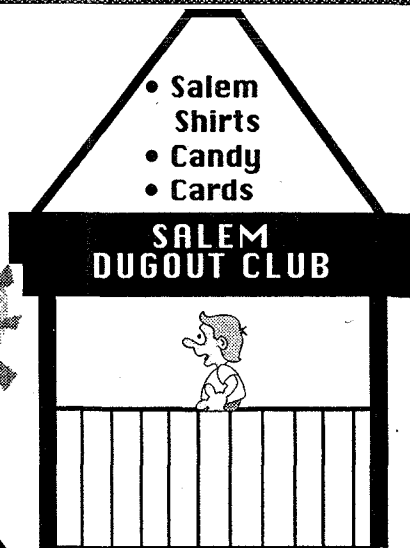
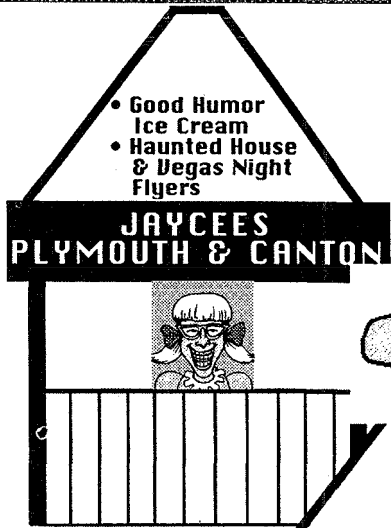
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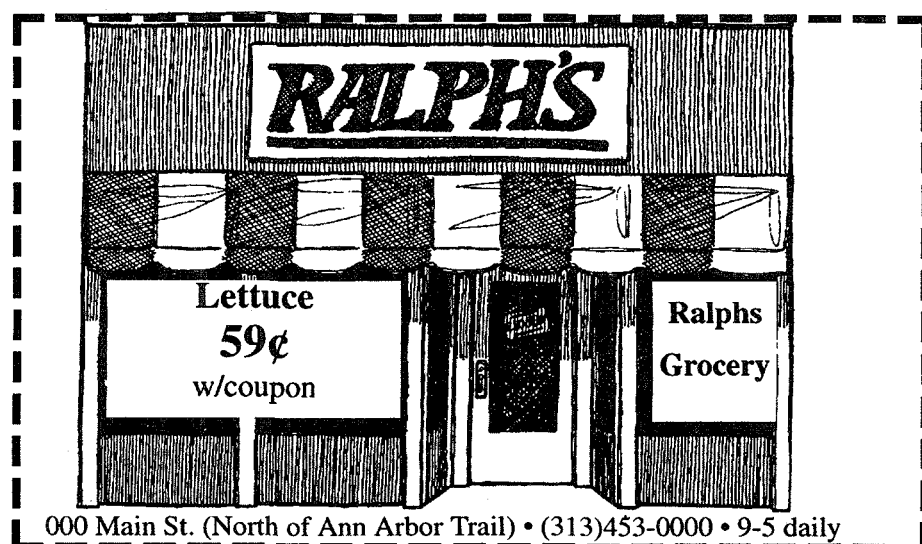
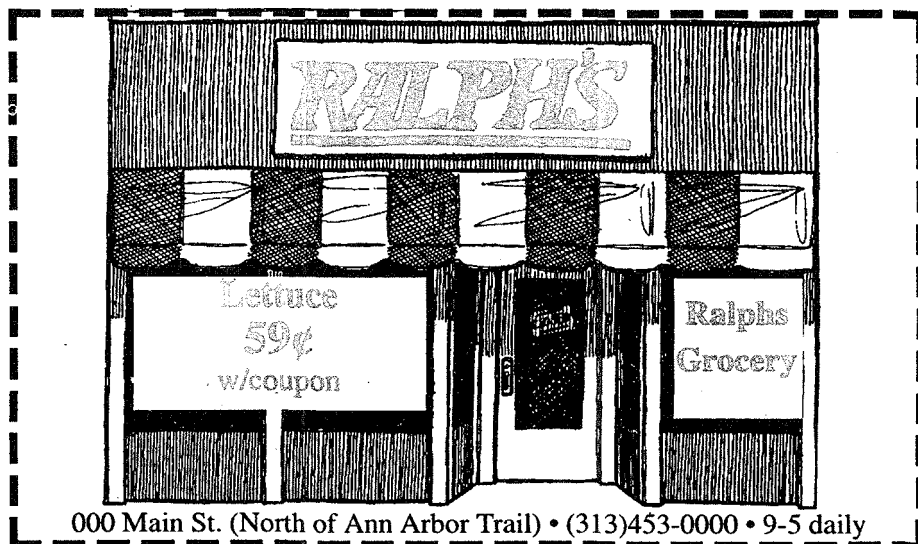
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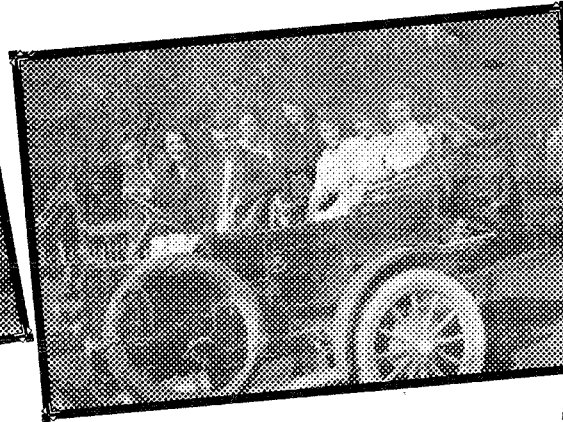
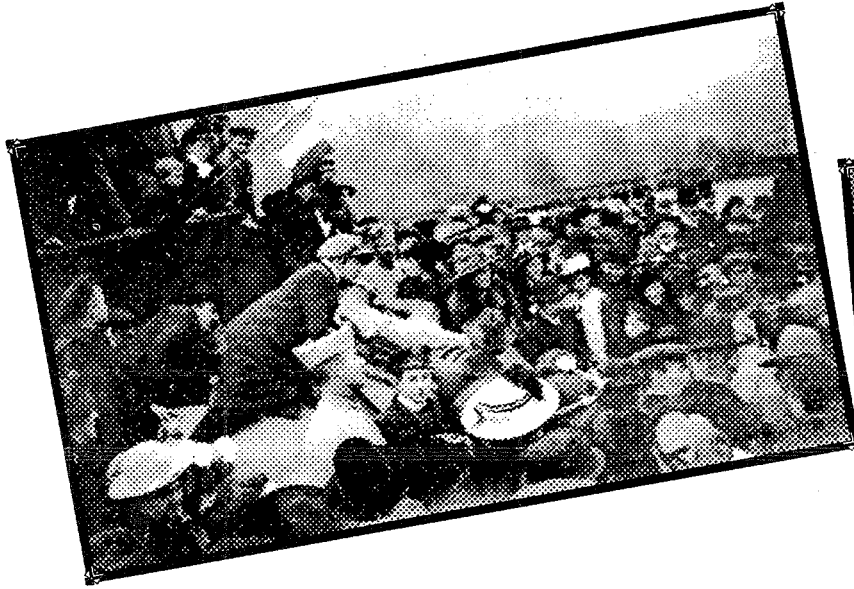
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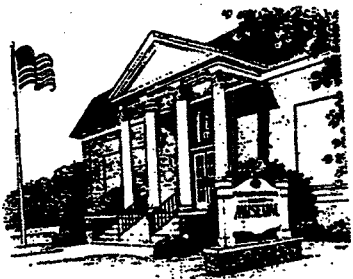


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- September 6, Civil War Demonstrations
- September 7, Old Cars on Exhibit outside the museum (all day)
- September 6 & 7, Demonstrations by the Village Potters Guild
- September 6 & 7, Tinsmith speaker
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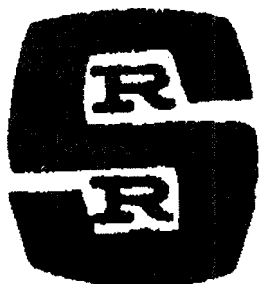
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History

Number trouble

The banners say 43rd; last year's was the 41st; who's right?

It's a question of counting. Do we start in '55 or '56? Do we start with zero or one? Or we could start at the first festival called the Fall Festival in 1960. Then of course, is the one that never happend.....

Editor's Note: Much of his information was found in Sam Hudson's book "The Story of Plymouth, A Midwest Microcosm."

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Don't let the banners fool you: The 1997 Fall Festival is the 42nd annual event.

Never has the quote in Hudson's book seemed more appropriate when dealing with the Fall Festival: "History is something that never happened, written by a man who wasn't there."

But Hudson was there, and his book gives a telling account of the origins of the festival. The only thing he didn't mention is the festival's dark secret: the festival missed a year due to a lack of organization.

But we won't count that.

The Fall Festival grew out of a community picnic in May of 1956, attended by 500 people. The purpose of the barbecue was to raise funds for some playground equipment and it was so successful that it was decided to have another the following year. Starting with the number "one" and counting up from there is how we come up with the 42nd Annual festival.

The second barbecue was in June 1957 held at the Hamilton Street Playground to raise funds for more playground equipment.

The following year was the first year the event was held in September, and the cause was expanded to include money for the Rotary's Youth Benefit and Community Service Fund, as well as extend a welcome to Plymouth's neighbors, according to Hudson.

The barbecue was growing, and each year the Rotary ran out of chickens before they ran out of hungry people.

When the barbecue moved to Kellogg Park in 1960, it first took the name Fall Festival, which was suggested by Harold Geunther, according to Hudson.

The Rotary Club knew it was going to be a major event, and wanted to



A picture is worth 1,000 words: The first barbecue, generally counted as the first Fall festival, held in May of 1956. 500 people attended, and a long tradition of barbecues and fundraising was established.



Katrina Freund holds up this year's Fall Festival Sponsor Banner. Through a slight discrepancy or misinterpretation, the banner may be a year premature (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

make sure every event was coordinated, so Hudson, along with past Rotary president Frank Arlen, took a journey out to Manchester, Michigan to observe their large and successful barbecue.

They came away from the event with heads full of ideas.

The first fall festival at Kellogg Park had an estimated attendance of 3,500. Three Cities Arts Club displayed paintings and other forms of art. The Plymouth Theatre Guild performed a one-act play ("The Mad Hatter's Tea Party"), and the Plymouth Historical Society showed pictures and documents of the City's past.

It's easy to see how numbers get fudged. Within Hudson's own documentation, there are two possible dates for the first festival, the first barbecue in 1956, or the first named Fall Festival in 1960.

Neither one, however, explains how the board named this year's event was named the 43rd Fall Festival.

"The only reason we did that is because Ken Holmes inherited the books from Joe Bida when he was the manager," said festival board vice-president Curt Lamar. "They said the first festival was in 1955, and if you count through 97, it's actually the 43rd."

It's hard to refute the actual evidence, though, of Hudson's eyewitness claim. The actual answer may be a bit more simple.

"The festival board works hard all year long," said Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Fran Toney. "If they make a mistake, they're only human."

The festival will still be fun, whether it's the 42nd, 43rd or 103rd. So save your banners for next year.

More evidence



A special postal edition for the 34th Fall Festival, held in 1989.



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Seniors Update

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Entertainment



Counterplay, just one of more than 20 acts scheduled for the Fall Festival, performs Motown and classic rock hits Saturday at 4:40 p.m.

Entertainment for a diverse crowd

BY JENNIFER BAGAZINSKI

Budget cuts haven't cut into the non-stop entertainment line-up for Plymouth's 42nd Fall Festival.

With approximately \$6,000 less to spend on entertainment than last year, Dr. Clark Smith, president of the Fall Festival Board and entertainment coordinator, came up with an impressive entertainment schedule that's sure to please a broad spectrum of musical tastes.

"The budget cut didn't really effect the entertainment line-up this year. Last year, we went through agencies and paid top dollar," Smith said. When Smith approached performers and explained the current budget shortage, many were willing to discount their usual performance fee.

Entertainers helped in other ways, too. Del Kauffman, member of the Del Kauffman Quartet, told him he could subsidize some union bands with Music Performance Trust Funds.

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Smith found that the Plymouth Fall Festival matched criteria for fun and used it for the Del Kauffman Quartet, which appears on Sunday noon in the park, and later that day in front of the Museum.

Another big attraction is the Couriers, a nine member band which plays special arrangements in Big Band style. The Couriers feature three woodwinds, two brass, three rhythm and a female vocalist. They play Saturday at 4:40 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

Also appearing at the Fall Festival is Counterplay, a rock and soul band that plays the cover tunes of many of the '50s and '60s favorites such as Motown and classic rock. They perform Sunday at 4 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

There will also be dance performers, strolling entertainers and, for the late night crowds, a square dance on Friday and the Street Dance on Saturday with a DJ spinning crowd favorites.

This year, festival goers will be continuously entertained with over 20 different acts. "I think people will enjoy the variety of acts," Smith said.

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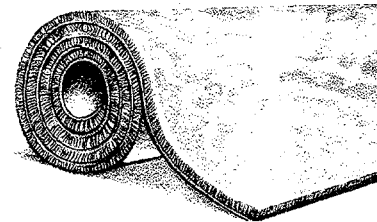
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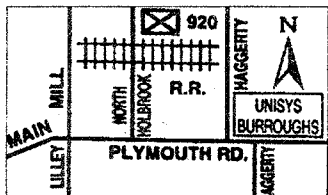
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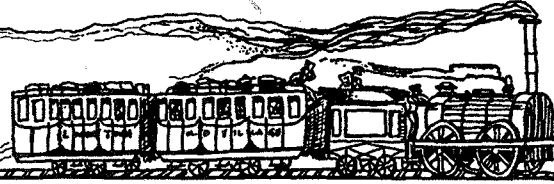
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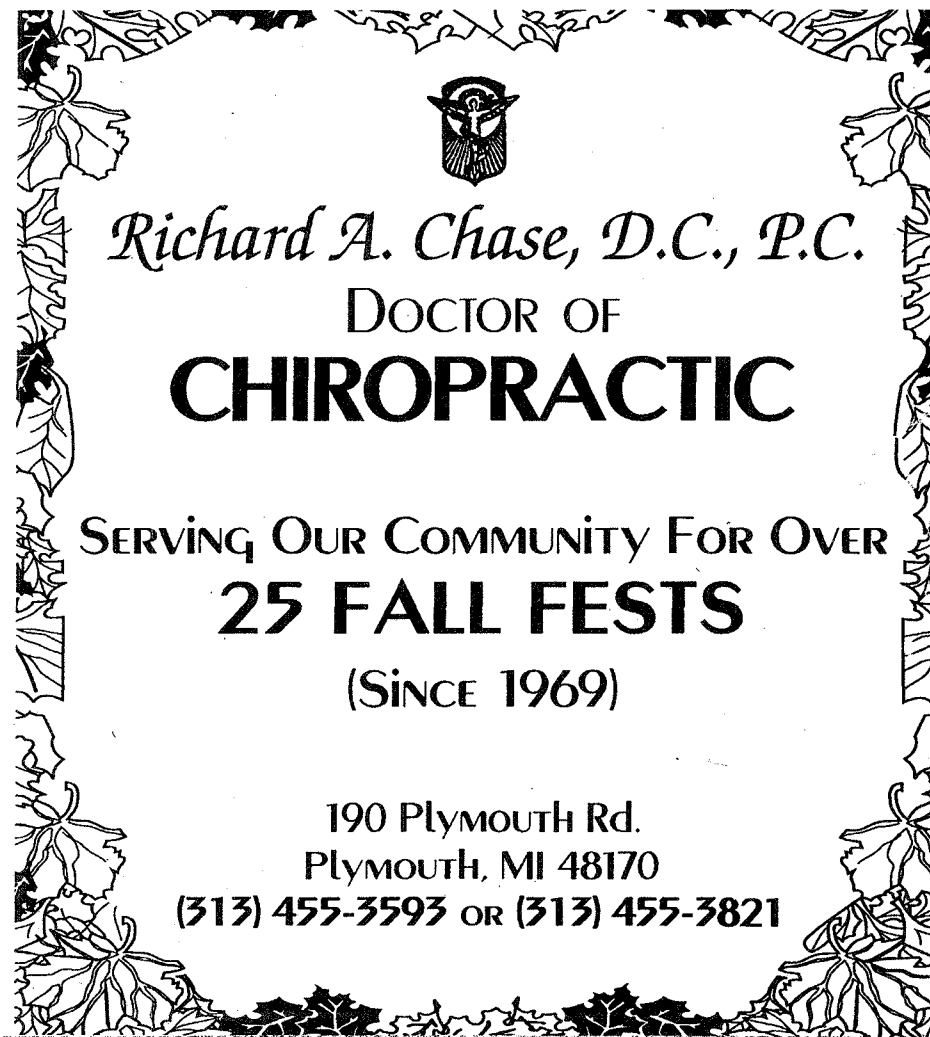
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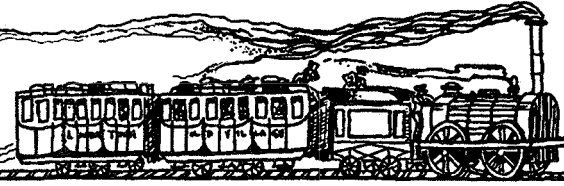


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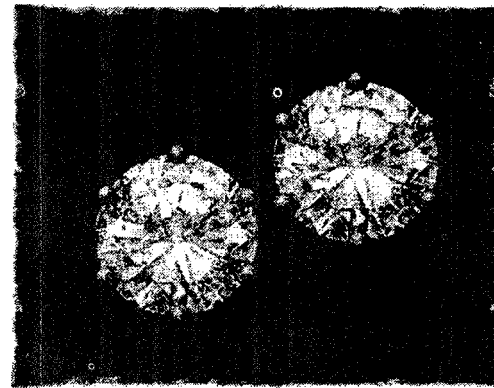
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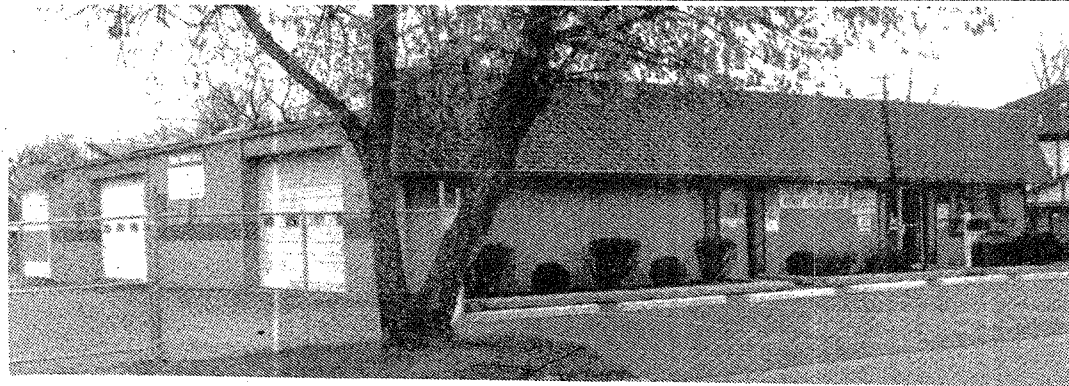
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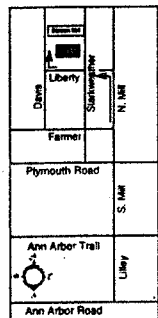


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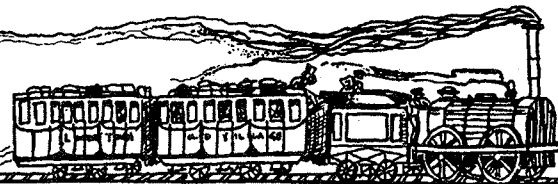


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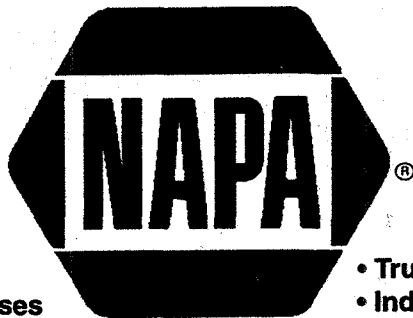
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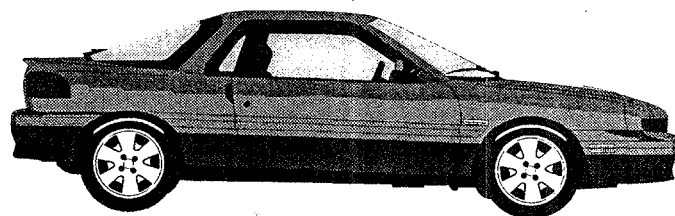
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History

Fair celebrated business, agriculture

The Plymouth Agricultural Fair pre-dated the Fall Festival by 70 years

BY DANIEL WEBB

When the Plymouth Rotary's chicken barbeque evolved into the Fall Festival, it was hardly Plymouth's first festival.

Almost 112 years ago, the Plymouth Fair Association set out to organize an agricultural fair of a different variety.

"This association was not organized to make money, but to encourage agriculture and art and to provide a week's enjoyment for the people of Plymouth and the surrounding country," is what the flyer for the event, mailed out to patrons and friends, said.

They succeeded.

The 1885 event was a great success. Farmers and Industrialists alike displayed their goods in the fenced-in grounds that became the talk of southeast Michigan.

The fairgrounds sat on a 22-acre site south west of the Ann Arbor Trail railroad crossing, where the Fairground subdivision is today. It had exhibit halls, a race track, a baseball diamond and two entrances.

The main entrance, a high double-gate large enough for horse and buggy to pass through, was just off Ann Arbor street (now Ann Arbor Trail). A second entrance at the end of Bowery (now Maple) was built to admit livestock and was simply dubbed The Back Gate.

The grounds were a jewel of the community. A large grandstand stood

just west of a horse track where Joy and Fairground roads now meet. The 500-seat structure had a peaked roof and boxed seats in the front. The half-mile track, which held harness, trot and running races each day of the week-long fair was considered by many to be the best in the state.

In the center of the track was a large baseball diamond where teams like the Plymouth Pearls would slug it out with neighboring teams. It was also home to the local high school team until the present site behind Central Middle school was completed in 1905.

The midway was near the Back Gate. Side-shows and magic acts thrilled young and old alike. Many Plymouth residents recalled the horror of seeing a man beheaded on the stage of one of those side shows, only to see him rise whole and well moments later.

But the late Clara Patterson Todd, a long-time Plymouth, happiest memories of the fair were of the excellent taffy made at the Midway, as she reported in a 1958 speech to the Plymouth Historical Society.

"I'm sure no other taffy will taste as good...It was white, pink, or chocolate color...I never tired of watching them pull it from the long, iron hooks driving in the center post."

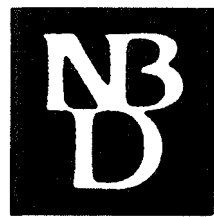
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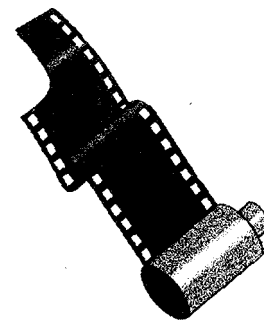
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Agricultural fair dazzled young and old alike

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and even Plymouth Mail cigars could be purchased, sometimes at bargain fair prices.

The famous Floral Hall was erected along the north end of the grounds, close to Ann Arbor street. The well-built, octagon-shaped structure had four wings, double doors, and housed local entries of quilts, canned preserves, fruits, vegetables and baked goods. People could listen to performances on piano and organ as they examined the red and blue ribbon winners.

House plants and art work also had an area of display. Winners would receive either a ribbon or diploma for their efforts. Cash prizes ranged from \$.25 to \$1.

Other delights are listed in Todd's article, *Memories of the Plymouth Fair*, such as special displays that attracted young eyes.

"Space was provided for the choice entries of poultry of all kinds, rabbits, and usually some white mice. What a treat those were to children."

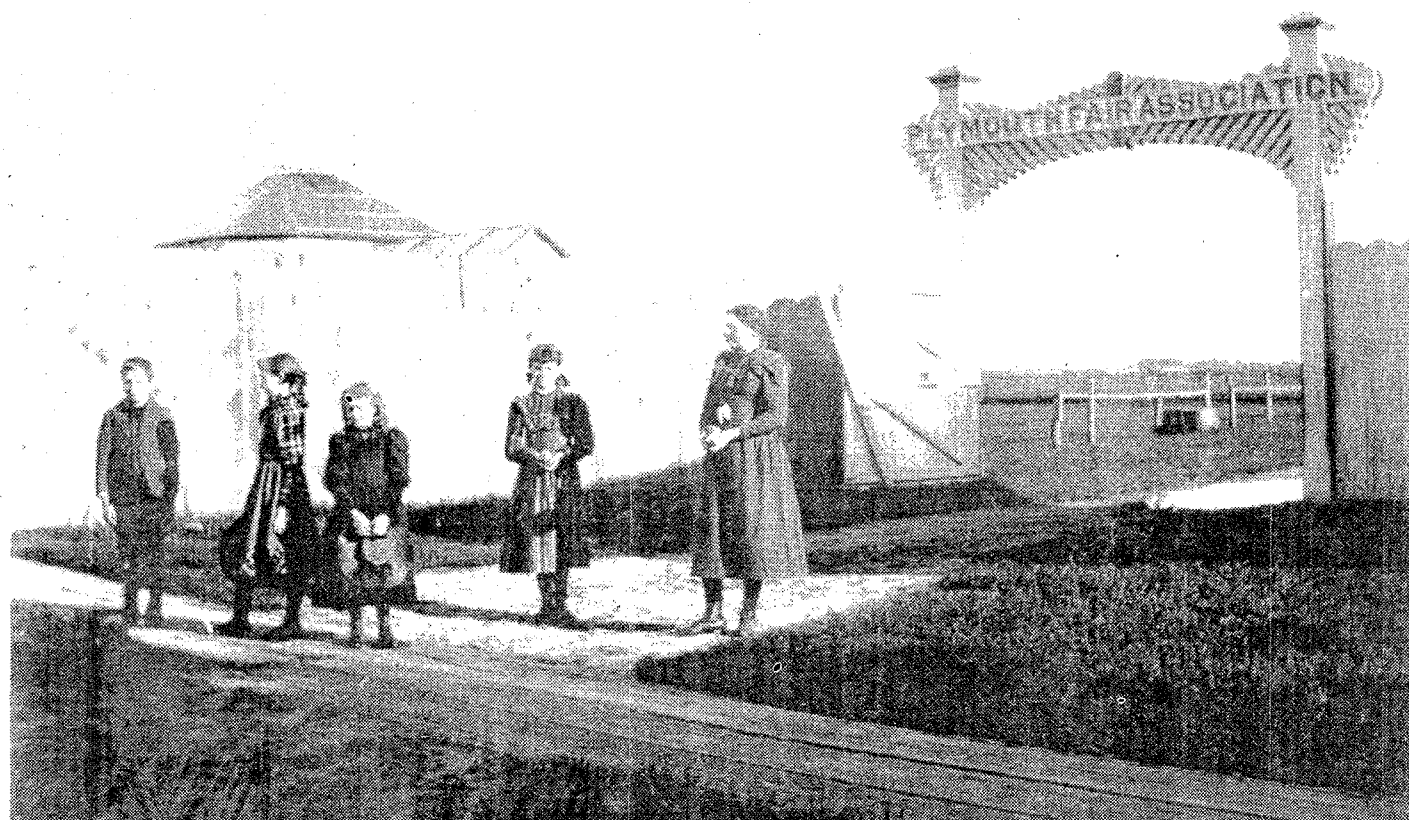
The animals were housed in coops behind Todd's home. Each morning of the fair, the roosters on the grounds would crow at first light. When hens joined the chorus, according to Todd, they made enough noise to guarantee that no one within earshot could sleep in.

But Todd and the other children didn't mind.

"That is when the fun began." Todd wrote. "As soon as we would see the side curtains taken off of the merry-go-round or the ferris wheel we knew it was time for the fair."

There was a special children's day Wednesday. Admission for children accompanied by their teachers was free. Children gathered at the old high school grounds on Church Street and marched to the fair, accompanied by a brass band.

Among the important officers of the Fair Association of 1896 were T.C. Sherwood and L.H. Bennett. Todd's mother, Phoebe Patterson, was also an important volunteer. She would later have



The main gate to the old fairgrounds was near where Ann Arbor Trail and Fairground streets meet today. All that remains of the grounds is a few street names. (Photo courtesy of the Plymouth Historical Museum.)

the distinction of being Michigan's first female Justice of the peace. But during the fair, she had other duties.

The agricultural fair had many things in common with today's Fall Festival. The Plymouth Mail put out a special "Plymouth Fair Daily" during the Fair. Todd's mother worked on the all-woman staff.

Another similarity was the absence of liquor. Many attempts to sell liquor were made throughout the fair's 17-year history, but were all beaten back by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Fair Association and the village council.

A highlight to the fair was a large balloon that would be inflated over the center of the track. One year, the balloon would not inflate, despite the best efforts of the operators. After three fruitless days of attempt, the balloon suddenly shot a few feet into the sky, flew

over the fence, and before anyone could control it, crashed into a neighboring farm-yard.

Attendance to the fair was aided by the arrival of the streetcar in 1899. The Dearborn to Northville track ran past the fair, and stopped at the main gate. Plymouth was a witness to a flurry of activity at that time. The village was becoming known as the air-gun capital of the world. Electricity, telephones, and running water arrived. Plymouth was growing into an important township, and the fair grew with it.

Then on a cold winter day in 1902, tragedy struck. Floral hall burned to the ground in a fire that was to spell the eventual doom of the fair.

The fair continued for another year, but poor weather and property disputes conspired to close it in 1903. With that, the highly successful and popular fair faded into Plymouth's history.

The fence was removed around 1907, and though the baseball field still found use, the track would never hold another horse race, and became a place where many locals first learned to ride a bicycle.

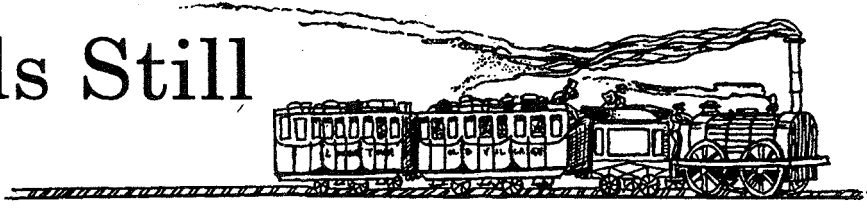
Shortly after World War II all that remained of the fairground were the streets named Fair and Fairground.

Another reminder of the fair exists, but not in Plymouth.

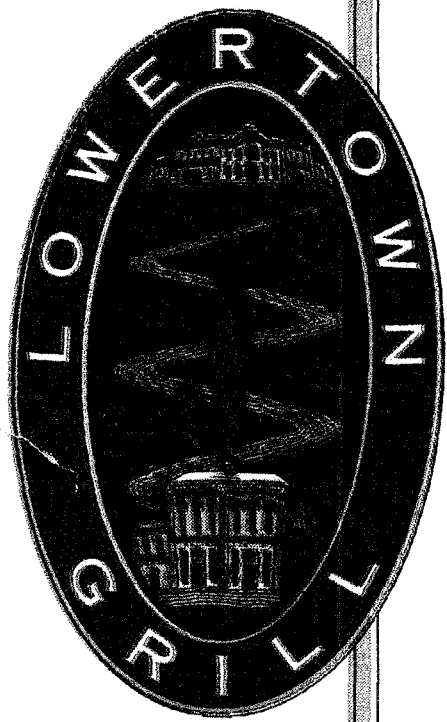
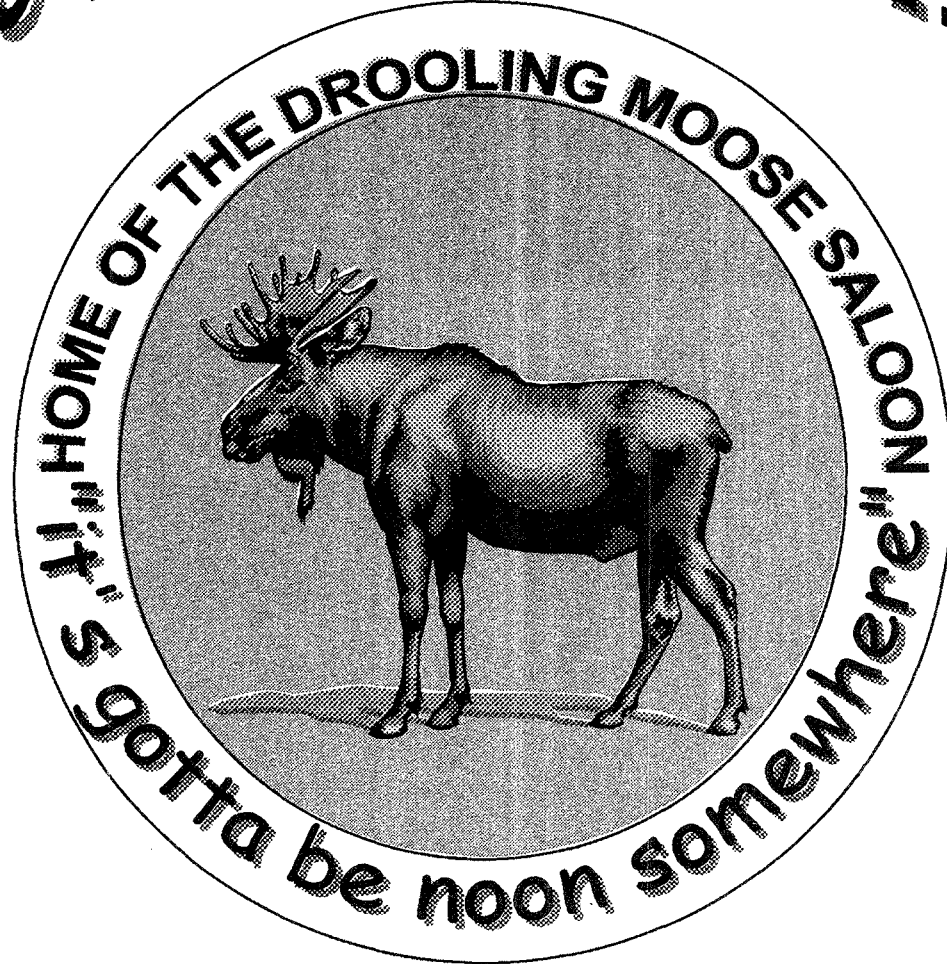
In recent years, the Michigan Agricultural Heritage built a replica of the fairground's main gate on the state fairgrounds as a reminder that events like the fair helped shape villages like Plymouth.

Editor's note: This information was provided with the help of members of the Plymouth Historical Society, and Sam Hudson's book The Story of Plymouth, Michigan, a Midwest Microcosm

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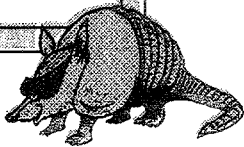
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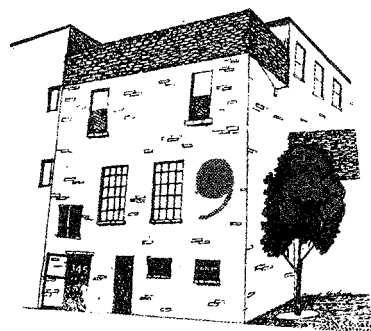
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BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Two months and one day after the 35th District courthouse burned down, the court has a long-term, temporary home.

Upon inspection by Plymouth Township building official Charlie McIlhargey and Court Administrator Kerry Erdman, the court building committee recommended the 35th District Court accept GE Capital's used modular building.

The modular building is currently located at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH.

"They went down and looked at it last week," said Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters. "They said it was in pretty good shape."

The court may have its home for the next two years. While the new building is being constructed, but it won't be in place soon enough to please court officials or Unisys alike.

The building would arrive in Plymouth in early October, according to Walters. At least one to two weeks would be required to build barrier free ramps, ensure the

building is mounted correctly, and install sewer, water and electricity, which would mean that the building would not be ready for use until late October or early November.

The court has leased space in the Unisys building since shortly after the fire to house the administration and probation offices and cashier. The lease expires Sept. 31. Unisys said they would extend the lease, after the court agreed to move the probation and cashier departments over to Canton Fire Station Number One on Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads.

Placing the modular buildings in the Unisys lot across the street from the old courthouse site is the best option left for the court, according to Walters.

"It has many obvious advantages," he said. "There is plenty of parking, the location is essentially the same, and the court can monitor the construction of the new building, assuming it is rebuilt on the same site."

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Canton accepts road recommendations

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Township board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon road committee Tuesday.

The recommendations include a formal method of prioritizing road improvements, a long-range road improvement plan, and a possible millage down the road.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack was pressed with the presentation, he said.

"It was very thorough," he said. "They did a good job of cutting through a very complex issue and presenting it in clear language."

The committee suggested that the board name an ongoing committee to evaluate roads and make a formal list of roads that need improvements. The board will offer any members of the current committee the

opportunity to serve on the ongoing committee, according to Yack.

"They've already got a lot of the information, so it makes sense that we would ask them to stay on," Yack said.

"They did a good job of cutting through a very complex issue and presenting it in clear language."

Tom Yack

Canton Twp. Supervisor

Having a list of road improvement priorities could help getting the projects completed by the county, Yack said, but not necessarily. It would ensure that the com-

munity and government's priorities — as far as roads were concerned — are in alignment, and also give people the sense that there is a plan for road improvement.

And Yack cautions that a new \$60 mil-

lion county bond proposal would not benefit the township, either.

"The bond doesn't cover anything but resurfacing," he said. "It doesn't add lanes

or improve intersections, which is what most people are concerned with. Very little of that money would go where we think is most important."

The committee also suggested that even if more funding comes from the county, the township should continue working with developers to provide road developments. And the board should continue such efforts if the township ever asked for a local road millage, which Yack said was at least a few years off.

"I don't think there's local support right now for a road millage," he said. "We've just had a school bond and a gas tax increase. We need to wait and see the impact of the gas tax, and if any of those funds will come directly to Canton roads."

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The Plymouth Whalers begin 1997 training camp

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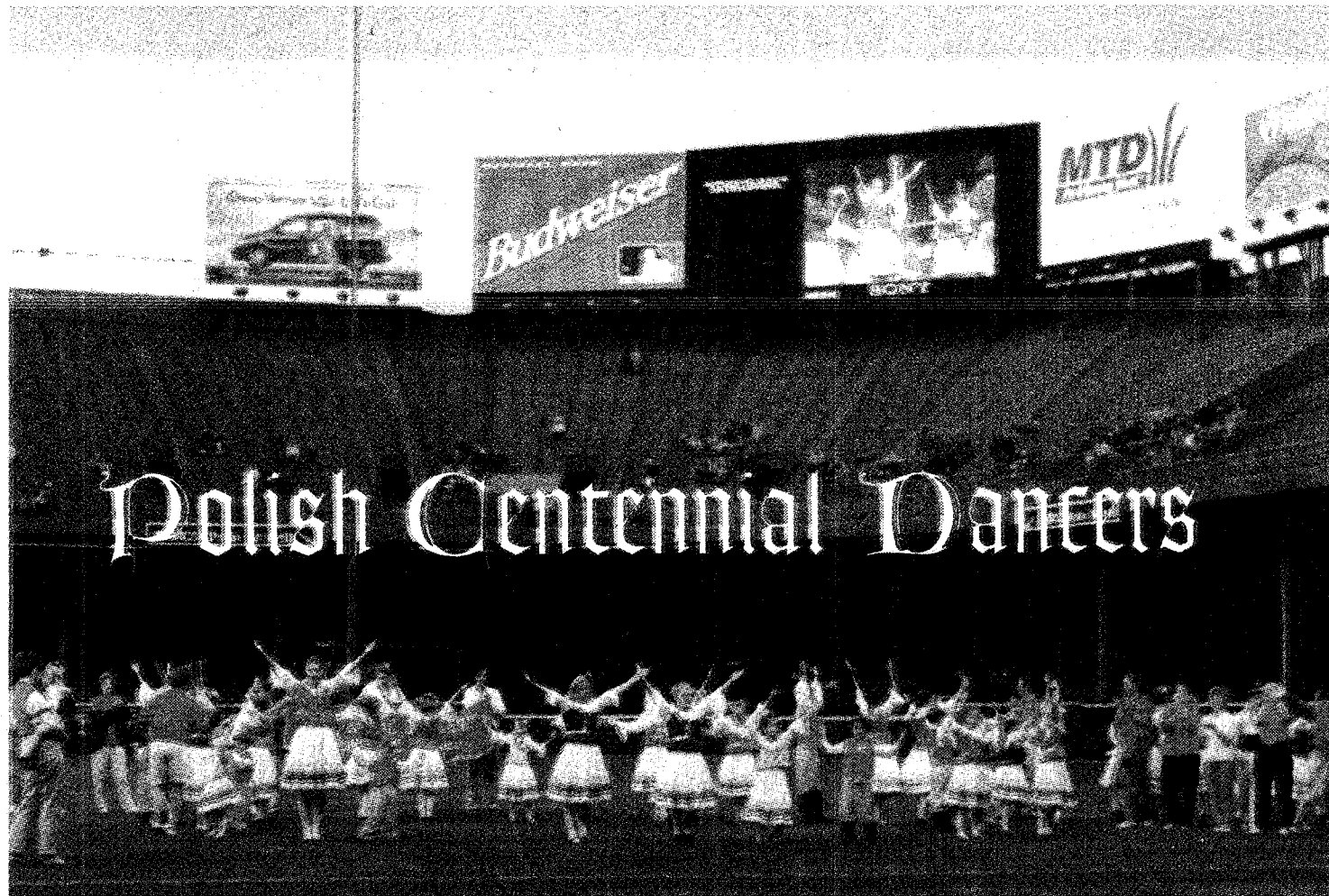
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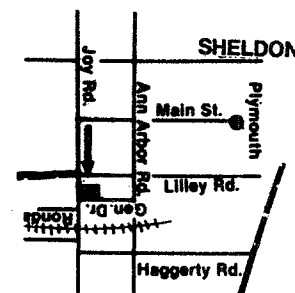
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Target shoot to raise funds for burn victims

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

For everyone who wants to take their shot at charity, this weekend is the time to do it.

The Wayne Firefighters Local #1620 and Western Wayne County Conservation Association are sponsoring a 3-D archery shoot Saturday.

The all day event to be located at 6700 Napier Road, will feature Native American Dancers, door prizes, a craft show, and of course, the archery shoot.

"I've always loved archery," said firefighter and Plymouth resident Shawn Bell, who is coordinating the event. "We wanted to do a fund raiser, and I came up with this idea."

Cost is \$8 per shooter, Bell said. Archers walk down a trail through the woods, come up to a clearing with a target in it, and take a shot.

City official hits boy on bike

Serious injuries avoided, mom 'disappointed' with City's response

A child was hit by a car while riding his bicycle last week near the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Mill Street in Plymouth on Aug. 13.

Plymouth Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock, driving his privately owned vehicle, hit the child while turning right on a red signal. The boy was disoriented, but only suffered a scratched knee in the accident. Police arrived at the scene, but no ticket was issued.

The boy's mother, Maryann Dunn, said "if it was me, I would have gotten a citation. The guy didn't even offer to take care of the bike, or call to say 'how's he doing'."

Dunn said she was dissatisfied that the city handled the situation very lightly. Her son says the crosswalk signal indicated it was safe to cross. She has spoken with Police Chief Bob Scoggins and is considering filing a complaint to the city.

"This is a poor representation of the city. They've got to take care of the kids," said Dunn.

"All the targets are made of foam," he said. "We've got everything from bears to turkeys. We even have a foam alligator down by the creek."

Funds raised go to the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center, Bell said, and to the Burn Camp for Kids.

The camp is a week-long program in Mattawan, MI, where children who have suffered severe burns camp, Bell said.

"It's a place they can heal and see that they're not alone," he said. "Besides the physical scars there are emotional scars as well. They can share stories and see that life goes on."

The camp costs \$400 per child, but that includes everything, from medical care to toothbrushes, they may need for the entire week, Bell said.

The event will be fun for archers, and non-archers alike, Bell said. Native

American Dancers will be on-hand to perform from 9 to 11 a.m. The dancers will be in full ceremonial garb and explain each dance, and the significance of it to the Native American culture.

The Michigan United Conservation Club (MUCC) will give a wetland animal exhibit from 2:30-3:30 p.m., he said.

"They'll bring wetland animals like beavers and muskrats, talk about the animals and their habitats," he said. "These are all animals that were injured at one time and couldn't be returned to the wild."

The event will end with a buffet dinner from 6 p.m. to midnight, Bell said, with music and a cash bar.

"It's a riot," he said. "You're out walking in the woods, it's just like hunting except you don't kill any animals."



Hulsing Elementary School students began their year with a flag raising Thursday, led by principal Rebecca Moore. She addressed the students as the American flag was hoisted with the schools' accreditation banner (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.).

Interim home chosen, court considers future

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That's the question now facing the court building committee, headed up by retired judge Jim Garber.

"It essentially comes down to three issues," Garber said. "Is the foundation sound, what are the community's needs for the next 25 years, and will the site accommodate a courthouse that can meet those needs?"

According to Walters, the present site could feasibly contain a larger courthouse with sufficient parking if the building is built up from the foundations instead of out.

"If you use the foundations as a smaller

footprint, and build a two or three story courthouse, you can make more room and still free up land for parking," Walters said. "Otherwise you have to get land from the cemetery."

The feasibility of the current site will be under intense scrutiny in the month ahead, Garber said. He plans to have a recommendation on where to build a new courthouse by then.

"We're looking at a couple different ways of doing it," he said. "There's the traditional way, where it's contracted out and built with insurance money, but we're also going to consider a company that would design and build it, then lease it back to us." The new courthouse in Novi was paid

for in that manner, according to Garber.

With \$1,000,000 remaining on the bond of the old building, if the court was built somewhere else, the land would have to be paid for, Walters said. Since the building was a part of the bond cost, the land is not worth the total debt outstanding against it. It could be paid off and sold to help pay for the construction costs of a new building, but it would not be cost effective, according to Walters.

"It's not a very plausible outcome," he said. "If the site will meet the community's needs for the next 25 years and a building can be built there cheaply, then it's not fair to build anywhere else," said Walters.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tomorrow, The City of Plymouth's 42nd Annual Fall Festival begins in downtown Plymouth. Food and group booths, music, games and the famous Rotary Chicken Dinner will be back again this year.
- The Plymouth Train & Toy Show returns to the Cultural Center during the Fall Festival. Dealers of new, used and antique model railroad supplies will be on hand. Dolls and other toys, too. Admission, \$4 adults, \$1 kids 4-12.

NEXT WEEK

- Registration continues for the City of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Fall men's slow pitch softball league. Entry fee is \$300, plus \$15 per game for umpires. League plays 12-game schedule, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Call 455-6620.
- Tuesday, Farrand open house, from 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Tonda open house begins at 6:30 p.m.; Isbister open house from 7-8 p.m. for all but second grade; Eriksson open house, time to be announced.
- Thursday, Bentley open house, time to be announced.

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Yes! It's the Crier's annual Fall Fest edition, packed with event stories info. And pull out the Salute to Industry & Commerce Top Business folks profiles.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

The Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration in Troy has graduated its largest class in its 75-year history. Among graduates from the area: From Canton: **Diane S. Bressler, LeSha A. Oberholtzer, Georgene Alice Wilson, and Mark C. Logan.** From Plymouth: **Renee D. Weinman, Lynn Marie Myernick, Amy Melissa Reid, Lavne K. Wiggins, Sheri Allene Queen, and Kimberly Ann Mayes.**

Joseph J. Montgomery, son of **Vicki K. and Joseh G. Montgomery** of Canton, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Westland.



Ian W. Mathison (R) presents **Matthew P. Mosley (L)**, of Plymouth, the Jack M. Newcomb Scholarship Award at Ferris State University's College of Pharmacy's Honors Convention.

The scholarship consists of a \$500 cash award and a recognition plaque.

Marine Pvt. **Benjamin P. Hess** a 1994 graduate of Salem High School recently reported for duty with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Combat Development Center in Quantico, VA.

Hess joined the Marine Corps in December, 1996.

The Plymouth-Canton CROP walk will be September 28, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. Plymouth-Canton churches will unite to fight hunger right here in our community and around the world.

25 percent of the proceeds of the walk will be donated to the Plymouth Salvation Army for feeding the hungry. The remainder will go for various causes around the world. CROP walks raised \$1,771,688 in Michigan in 1996.

Welcome mural Man turns feelings to pics

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The newly renovated Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton received a small face lift thanks to the efforts of one Canton man.

Josh Tolbert, 19, of Canton, added a large welcome mural on the inside of the church's newly white-washed walls.

"It's really a good step," he said. "The church was recently renovated, and the walls were bright white, which is my least favorite kind of wall to look at."

United Methodist minister, Marge Munger, approached Tolbert, a Fine Arts student at Western Michigan University, about painting the wall, he said.

"She wanted something pleasant and welcoming," he said. "We wanted something that would not only make the people who already attended the church feel at home, but people who first came to the church to feel welcome."

The 10 foot by 10 foot painting took Tolbert about a week to complete. His influences include Salvador Dali and Pablo Picasso, and other, more mainstream artists.

"I've always liked comic books," he said.

He had done other paintings for the church but nothing so large, he said. He was glad to produce a painting that reflected his inner feelings of the church.

"I have always been very attracted to small churches in general," he said. "I've been to churches with 1000 people attending and tend to feel lost. "There's a closeness here I haven't found anywhere else."



Plymouth businessman runs fundraiser

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Scott Smith, whose Penniman Gallery store has sold art for years in Plymouth, has been involved with many political causes in his life.

But none of them have been closer to his heart.

The Human Rights Campaign is holding their annual fund-raising dinner next month at Detroit's Westin Hotel, and Smith is the auction committee co-chairperson for the event.

"I had a lot of friends who were

involved with the event in previous years," he said. "Last year one of my closest friends was the chairperson."

That was the year the event raised \$30,000 for various gay and lesbian causes. This year, Smith hopes to raise even more.

"We're shooting for \$50,000 and I think that's a reasonable goal," Smith said. "We have 200 pieces donated for the auction, and the donors have been very, very generous."

The HRC is the nation's leading gay

and lesbian political and advocacy organization, Smith said. The funds raised at the events go to fund political advocacy causes nationwide.

"A lot of people don't understand that a lot of discrimination exists against the gay community," Smith said. "We still do not have the rights that every one else has. People say we want special rights and that's absolutely ridiculous. We just want the same rights that everyone else has."

The fund raising event will be a black tie dinner and silent auction, Smith said. He expects about 2,000 people. This year's causes include Affirmations Lesbian/G Community Center, Friends Alliam Michigan Pride and Men of Co Motivational Group, Inc.

The Human Rights Campaign been hosting the events, which include entertainment, a guest speaker, and a video address by President Clinton, for eight years now, according to Smith.

"It's an honor to be involved with them," Smith said. "They're great to work with on a professional level."

He believes tolerance is spreading and hopes as the baby boomer generation ages, equality will become more widespread.

"Our generation brings tolerance and acceptance," he said.



Scott Smith of the Penniman Gallery in downtown Plymouth, is co-chairing the 8th annual HRC dinner and auction in Detroit. (Courtesy Photo).



What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).



Events

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Marquis Theatre children star in "Little Red Riding Hood" in Marquis Theatre, Northville. \$5.50. Show dates: Saturdays and Sundays Sept. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20. All showtimes are 2:30 p.m.. Call 248-349-8110 for info.

ART AUCTION

Station 885 in Plymouth hosts a private art auction and a four-course dinner for \$29 per person **Monday** at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to Make-A-Wish Foundation. Call 885 for info.

ALL STAR CONCERT

Detroit All Stars perform at Lowertown Grill in Plymouth **Friday**. Call 451-1213 for info.

FARMER'S MARKET

Plymouth Chamber of Commerce continues Farmer's Market in downtown Plymouth's Gathering. Open 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 25, except Fall Festival weekend's (Saturday). Call the chamber at 453-1540 for info.

LOCAL RESIDENT'S CONCERT

Johnny Little performs **Sept. 20**, 7:30 p.m. at Salem Auditorium. \$7 tickets available at Repeat the Beat, half of sales go to PCEP Choral and Performing Arts programs.

ART EXHIBITION ENTRY FORMS

First Presbyterian Church, Northville sponsoring "Sharing the Gift," fifth annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition. 1997 entry forms now available for the **Oct. 4-10** show. Cash awards from \$50-\$300. Call (810) 349-0911 for info.

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Hey Rhonda- Did you forget something!!! (just Kidding)- Linda

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If only I had a Brain!

Volunteers make our community what it is! Thanks to all the Fall Festival Board for your extraordinary efforts!—Elizabeth Johnson

"One of us is going to the box today... the Fall Fest pages or me." —Mike Came, Friday 10am

Curiosities

"I was B—ing pretty hard for how easy that job was."—Peter j. Broderick, 13 days out of college and into the "real world"

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The **Canton Softball Center** on Michigan Avenue will hold tournaments **every weekend** through Sept. 21.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is offering a **Men's Fall Softball League**. Games begin Tuesday at Heritage Park. \$200 per team (includes game balls.)

Each team pays \$15 per game for umpire fees paid directly to the umpire.

Five-week league, each team plays a doubleheader (back-to-back) once a week for five weeks, a total of 10 games.

Leagues available: Tuesday-Wednesday league (six teams maximum) and Wednesday-Thursday league (six teams maximum.)

Registration began Aug. 18 and ends Friday. Register in person Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Canton Parks and Recreation, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188. There is no residency requirement. For more information, call 397-5110.

Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association registration will be held tomorrow and Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at East Middle School.

All students in the Plymouth-Canton School District and all of Canton are eligible.

All players will play some part of every game, but not the complete game.

Tryouts will be conducted before team organization for the purpose of equalizing teams.

Players will play about 10 games, a tournament and keep their jersey.

High school students interested in being a referee and parents interested in coaching should register on the same dates.

The PCJBA will have about 900 total players and will registers ninth through 12th graders at a later date

Weekend hockey tourney skates into CSA

Whalers, Team USA, Erie, Windsor face off in weekend's Can-Am Challenge

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Will there be another Miracle on Ice? Well, it wouldn't be a miracle like 1980, but it would be an upset if Team USA wins the Can-Am Challenge at Compuware Arena this weekend at Compuware Sports Arena.

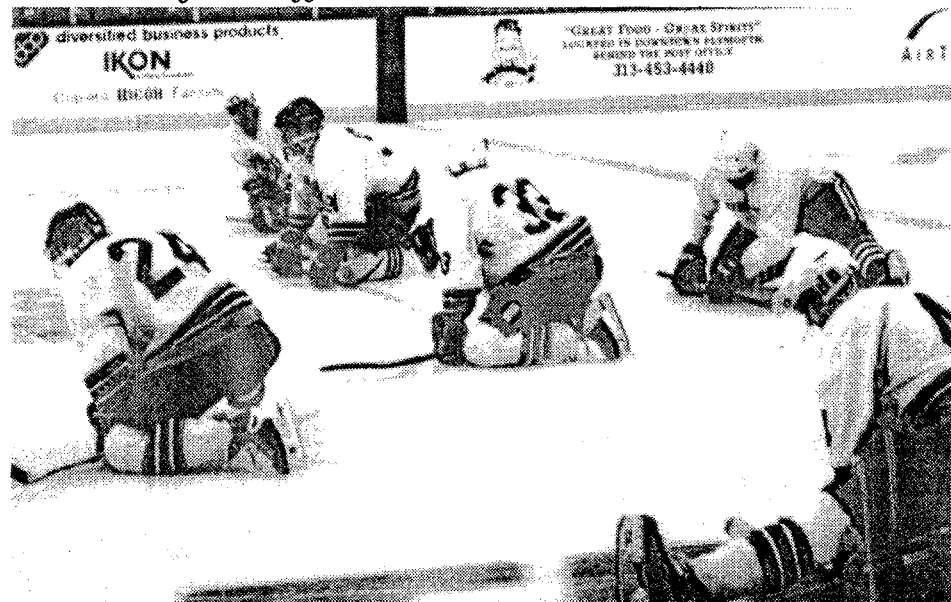
The two-day tournament also includes the Plymouth Whalers, Erie Otters and Windsor Spitfires of the OHL. It's part of the Whalers' exhibition schedule leading up to the regular season, which begins Sept. 20 at home.

"We just thought it was a great little tournament to put on, especially with the new USA Team with (coach) Jeff Jackson. And, of course, Windsor is right across the street from us, and Erie (PA) is a natural rival as the only other American team in the OHL, so they all provide a local interest," said Greg Stefan, Whalers associate coach.

Plus, Stefan said, Erie, Windsor and Plymouth should be top contenders for the OHL West Division title this season.

But that doesn't mean Team USA, made up of mostly 17-year-old Americans, doesn't stand a chance in the Can-Am Challenge. While the OHL teams are playing with incomplete rosters and skating untested draft picks, Team USA's line up has already played together.

Despite the international presence of Team USA and CSA's Olympic size rink,



NHL enforcer Bob Probert (top right) stopped through the Plymouth Whalers' training camp Thursday to practice with the team. It is not uncommon for NHL players to stop by practices during the off season to stay in shape and get out on the ice. (Crier photo, Peter Broderick)

the games will be played according to OHL regulations. "Regular OHL rules, and that's what they (Team USA) want. They're not necessarily interested in playing on an Olympic surface," said Stefan. "They want to muck and grind, and see what they can do. It's going to be a great experience for them. But they're going to be physically and mentally pushed."

The first game of the Can-Am Challenge is set for 3:30 p.m. Saturday featuring Erie and Windsor. Game 2 is at 7:30, pitting the Whalers against Team USA.

The losers of Saturday's games will play in Sunday's consolation game at 2:30 p.m.; the championship game follows at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per day, and \$15 for a weekend pass.

Salem soccer logs another win, 3-0, over Pioneers in rough contest

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It could've been the United Nations with all the flags flying during Salem's 3-0 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer at the

Chiefs chip off the old Rock

Canton golfers beat Salem, Huron at Hilltop

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Shhh, Salem. Don't tell the other Western Lakes Activities Association tennis teams what you already know: Canton is for real.

The Chiefs, who were 2-7 in conference meets last year, beat three-time defending WLAA champion Salem for the second time in as many weeks at an outing on Aug. 26 at Hilltop Golf Course that also included Ann Arbor Huron.

Canton shot 202 as a team, led by junior Austin Meibers, whose score of 39 was four over par on the Plymouth Township Golf Course known for its undulating greens.

"Two-hundred and two would proba-

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Aug. 26.

Referees flagged Salem with four yellow cards and one red card while the

ably win nine out of 11 matches in our conference," said Chiefs coach Tom Alles.

Huron came in second at 210, and Salem was third with a round of 213. Canton's performance didn't catch Salem coach Rick Wilson off guard; he saw the Chiefs finish ahead of his team at the East Lansing Invitational on Aug. 18.

"It didn't surprise me. They played well," Wilson said of Canton.

"We didn't play well. I don't think any of our players shot average, in fact, I know they didn't."

In addition to Meibers, Canton's scor-

Pioneers were hit with two yellow cards in a contest that turned physical after the Rocks took a 2-0 lead on a goal by forward Giuseppe Ianni in the second half

Brett Konley opened up the scoring for the Rocks (3-0) about 30 minutes in the game. Ten minutes after Ianni was hauled down in the Pioneer's center, the Rocks' Andy Power scored the ensuing penalty kick to complete scoring.

Brian Wosniak, who has been playing with Jeremy Finley in net, got a shutout for Salem. The junior will continue to share time between the pipes now, said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. At this point, they're both playing so but eventually I'll need a goal to go to McCarthy said.

He'll also need the defense to continue its strong play. "I've been pretty pleased with the way the defense is playing that's the primary concern because I'm pretty sure we'll be able to score at least one or two goals a game," said McCarthy.

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Spartans outbattle Chiefs

Canton falls in 1st hoops game of '97 season

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It's the first game in a 20-plus game season, so let's just forget about this one, okay?

The Canton girls basketball team stuck with their taller, more physical Redford Bishop Borgess opponents for three quarters in the season opener at Canton High

School on Aug. 26.

"Then, I think we just ran out of gas, energy and patience," said Canton coach Bob Brodie.

And the Spartans, a top-ranked team in Class C, went on to defeat the Chiefs, 49-32.

Borgess' triple entente — seniors

Koren Merchant, Aiysha Smith and Christina Anderson — was ferocious. Merchant and Smith, who are both several inches taller than any Canton player, had 20 points and seven rebounds, and 12 points and 12 rebounds, respectively. The smaller, more agile Smith had six assists and four steals.

Don't think Brodie didn't try to prepare for them, either.

"We wanted to keep the ball in front of us and lean on their big kids, Smith and Koren Merchant, but they're just so physical," he said.

For Canton, Janell Tweitmeyer led with eight points.

Despite having nearly twice as many rebounds, Borgess was unable to pull away from the Chiefs throughout much of the game.

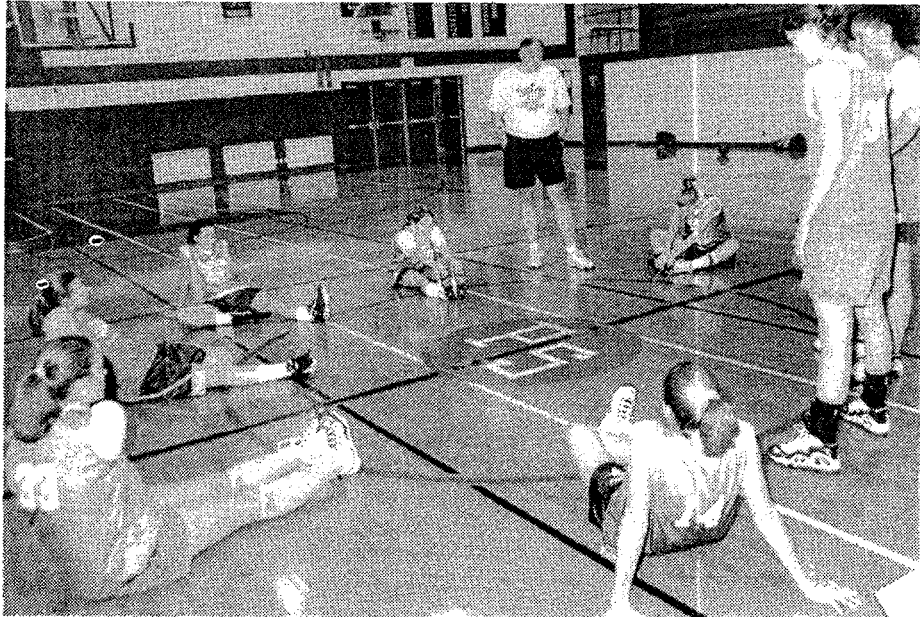
The Spartans led, 7-6, after one quarter and 21-20 at half.

The problem for Canton was the Spartans were hitting clutch shots. "They hit some shots they probably shouldn't have. We probably should've been up at half," said Brodie.

The Chiefs took a 24-21 lead early in the third quarter, but minutes later Smith canned a three-pointer off the glass to put Borgess up 30-26. Then, Merchant went on a tear with seven straight points.

Salem guards Melissa Marzolf and Kristin Lukasik tried to keep up from the perimeter, but Borgess continued to dominate in the paint. "You have to be able to get to the basket," said Brodie.

Salem hits court, too



Coach Fred Thomann surveys the Salem girls basketball team, ranked in the top five in Class A, during practice last week. The Rocks tip-offed their season last Thursday at home versus Rochester Adams. (Crier photo, R. Alwood)

Anderson resigns Canton volleyball post

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The man who coached the Canton volleyball team to its only division title 20 years has resigned.

Steve Anderson, whose teams had a 25 winning percentage during his two-year tenure, said his increased responsibilities as an employee of the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, brought on by budgetary cuts, prevents him from continuing as Chiefs head coach this winter.

"I get hung up here (at work), and make it to practice on time, there's seniors and juniors sitting, waiting in line for me, and that's not right. It's not fair to them. And I'm not one hundred percent effort, either," Anderson

said.

The City, which has been discussing the merger of recreational activities and facilities with Plymouth Township, cut \$180,000 from the Parks and Recreation Department budget this year.

As a result, Anderson — who is systems director — trimmed his staff from four to two.

He is also assumed responsibilities of vending and concessions.

"So, obviously, the repercussions of that is that I have less full time help and more work to do," Anderson said.

Anderson is also assistant volleyball coach at Henry Ford Community College, but he intends to keep that posi-

tion because the head coach can continue to run practice when Anderson is absent; there is no such luxury at Canton.

"The City had to cut money, and I understand that. I don't want to sound disrespectful to the City. Until they are able to set something up with the Township, they have to cut money," said Anderson, who nearly lost his job in the budget cutbacks... "But the thing I really want to make clear is a lot of little things here and there end up effecting a lot of people."

Like the local sports reporters, who will miss Anderson's diligent statistical data and game updates. Or the dozen or so players who grew to admire Anderson's work ethic and winning attitude.

"The bad thing is, we went 34-10 last year, that was Canton's best record ever. We won the school's first (West) division title ever in 20 years in the conference (the Western Lakes Activities Association.) In my two years there, we had five girls go onto play college ball. A couple of players called me as soon as they heard, and the initial reaction was real disappointment," Anderson said.

Anderson said he has offered to help the Athletic Department look for his replacement.

Salem, Canton duel at Hilltop

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as completed by junior Justin Allen senior Erik Arlen (41), junior Ben Arlen (41) and Brendan Wheeler (41). "It was a good day for us. We've never had that low before, at least not since I've been coach," said Alles.

For Salem, junior Adam Wilson was the top golfer on the day, shooting 41. Senior Erik Krueger and sophomore Ryan Nimmerguth both finished with a score of 42, and sophomore Mark

Doughty and senior Mark Runchey both shot 43.

Not completely unsatisfactory, but Wilson was unhappy with his golfers play within 100 yards of the green, an aspect of the game he's been preaching and undoubtedly the key success to Hilltop. "That's what it is, and at Hilltop that's all you need, because it's not a particularly long course," he said... "But we'll get better."

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Monday at Northville at 7 p.m.

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Sept. 11 at Hilltop Golf Course versus Walled Lake Central and Canton.

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Friday at home versus Belleville at 7:30 p.m.

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A road meet tomorrow versus Stevenson, Franklin and Northville at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS BASKETBALL
Saturday at Bishop Borgess. Tuesday at Ann Arbor Huron.

SALEM GIRLS TENNIS
Today at home versus Grosse Ile at 4 p.m. Monday at Northville at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING
At home for the WLLA relays Sept. 11 at 5 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tomorrow at the Mercy High School Hoops Tournament in Farmington Hills at 5:30 p.m. Hoops Tournament finals are Saturday.

CANTON GIRLS COUNTRY
At home versus North Farmington, Walled Lake Central and Churchill at 4 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday at home versus Monroe at 7 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS TENNIS
Monday at home versus Walled Lake Central.

CANTON BOYS SOCCER
Tonight at Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. Saturday at home versus Brighton with game time TBA. Monday at home versus Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m.

CANTON BOYS GOLF
Sept 10 at Walled Lake Western at 3 p.m.

CANTON FOOTBALL
Friday at Monroe at 7:30 p.m.

CANTON BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Tomorrow at home versus North Farmington, Walled Lake Western and Churchill at 4 p.m.



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Mike Hoben: true treasure

Life of leading educator touched many in schools and community

Many a school kid here owed a lot to Mike Hoben. So did many others.

From the math students and football players to the counseled and the reprimanded, Mike was a friend of the Plymouth-Canton Schools during the decades when education made the "big change" and this community grew by leaps and bounds.

Students during his tenure all had favorite stories to tell. Friends and community leaders are sharing their stories too.

Dave Artley and a bunch of Belleville delinquents were so happy to beat Plymouth High School in football in 1962, they drove up here to paint Mike's door with their school colors.

The Kirchgatter girls will remember a touching photo of a smiling Mike accepting a birthday cake they made for him.

An entourage that accompanied Mike in his motor home to Indiana remember this

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



as the first awakening of Plymouth-Canton Schools to new technology.

Rotarians remember him for boldly working the hottest of the Fall Fest barbecue pits — in fact, a photo of a smoke-stained Mike graced the Fall Festival Edition exactly five years ago today.

School staff members remember that when something was up between the community and education, Mike would be there with his sleeves rolled up.

Even during the infamous teacher strikes of the past, the union leaders knew it took

Mike's blessing to move a key issue to resolution and that 3:00 a.m. was not a problem for Mike to show up at the table.

"Adversary" school board members still recall his dedication and honesty even when he disagreed on a point. They likened his resolve to his days as football coach — Gary Mirto not only was the school board member

Mike once described as "his biggest pain in the —" but also played football for him. (Mirto just got elected to the Brighton School Board.)

The first time a newspaper here had recommended a "no" vote on a school bond issue, Mike walked down the street to drop in and say, "You're wrong, but we're still friends." He was also mad when The Crier urged he take a salary freeze as an example to the teachers during one budget crunch. But he sent a beer over to the editor later that evening at the old Crow's Nest Pub.

His bridge partners enjoyed his good humor even when his stress level at work was at its worst. During those times, he'd often grin and quote the large poster on his office wall (it featured a horse in a delicate predicament) that said, "Damned if you do and damned if you don't."

Mike was a true treasure here.

He knew the importance of the community was larger than just the educational system. Mike would show up to help the farmers grieve about their barn coming down or to celebrate a corn roast.

Word of his death spread like wildfire Friday morning.

All the old friends spent this pa weekend retelling all the wonderful stories about Mike.

And that's a lot of stories.



A letter to Mike Hoben

Former school board member says goodbye

John Michael Hoben - Thank you for empowering us to grow, to reach our full potential, to love, to care, to make a difference in our world.

I wandered around town this afternoon. Mike, it was different with your passing today. Many are speechless, but more are talking about the impact that you had on their lives. Some were among the 400,000 lives that you touched as teacher, coach, superintendent and educator over the 35+ years that you were a part of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Others knew you as a marine - fearless, yet caring. A few were on your football team - "...Run the play like we did in practice - do your best". Some remembered you as their high school counselor with a listening ear, and fatherly advice. Dick, a fellow Rotarian, just could not believe that you

were gone... "Why your 74th was only a couple of months away".

Mike - people spoke of you with reverence, but I know that you would not want that. You preferred to nurture and cultivate those you knew, letting them have the spotlight. I remember when the School Board chose to name an elementary school after you. At first, you were mad, then embarrassed, and then resigned and then awestruck - "Why would someone want to name a school after me?", you wondered. Mike, people wanted to do it out of respect, reverence, and love. You cared and people just wanted to say, "Thank you!". After all, you positioned the schools to be successful and to continue to teach children into the 21st century.

We all hurt today. Right along side of your children- John and Michelle. But we

all know that you cared about. Sometimes we found it difficult to say words, but we loved you, too. In truth, we know that you are not really gone. You are a part of yourself with each of us. We treasure it wisely. A mutual friend of the late Sister Thea Bowman, said it best: "I am a part of all that I have met". As is with you, Mike. You are still my friend, or more correctly, a friend to us all. You will be missed and never forgotten.

Yesterday, I could not define "GREATNESS". I was not sure how to explain, "INTEGRITY, CLARITY, and CARING". Today, I can do it with a single word. That word is "MIKE". May God hold you in the palms of His Hand and give you peace.

Love, Your Friend
David Artley

'A kind and gracious man...'

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Fall Fest its start with its annual chicken dinner. Friday, Aug. 22 the Rotary held a practice roast in preparation for the Fall Fest dinner. Hoben was present at the roast, boiling pots of corn with Carl Pursell, with whom he had become close friends over the years.

It was at last Friday's lunch meeting that his fellow Rotarians, and the rest of the community, learned of Hoben's death.

That day, many friends and colleagues took time to remember Hoben, his work, and the affect he had on their lives.

"I'm fortunate I had the opportunity to know him and work with him up close. It's too bad not everybody had the same opportunity to see this kind and gracious man."

Donna Aveck

Computer Services and Instructional
Technology Director

"He was pretty sharp, a winner, a great coach. And he was an innovator. He wasn't afraid to try the new."

Carl Pursell

Former State Senator

"I had him (as a teacher) for sports and gym. Later, when he joined the board he was a nice, settling influence."

John Vos III

Plymouth City Commissioner

"Some thought of him as the ex-Marine, the jock. But inside he wanted kids to be empowered and to take control of their lives."

David Artley

Former School Board member

"He didn't fudge or cheat around the edges. He got so caught up helping he wound up having three or four jobs at a time."

E.J. McClendon

Former School Board President

"We have school infrastructure that will take us into the 21st century and it was Mike's vision that got us there."

Roland Thomas

Former School Board President



Hoben funeral Wednesday

Funeral services will be held 11:30 a.m. today (Wednesday) at Our Lady of Good Counsel church, 1160 Penniman Ave.

Visitation at Schrader-Howell funeral home Tuesday, from 2 - 9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation, Hoben Elementary School.



TOP RIGHT: Hoben was Principal, Counselor and Head Coach at Plymouth High School before moving on to positions at the administration offices.

ABOVE: With Principal Bill Brown (left) Hoben and PHS counselor Donald Chumbley view Salem, the first school to be built at CEP.

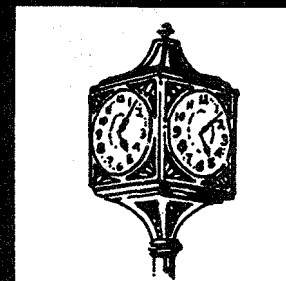
LEFT: Hoben and Carl Pursell became friends during Hoben's trips to Lansing to testify before congress on educational and technological issues. The pair were friends for 25 years, and are shown at the Rotary practice roast last Friday, their last event together (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)



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Fall Fest Thank You

Thank you and good night!

The annual Fall Festival Edition of The Community Crier has left the building. Producing a publication this big is a momentous undertaking. Even with the long, bleary-eyed nights, the early mornings and the frantic last minute phone calls, this issue could not have happened without the help of a lot of understanding and patient people, not all of whom are on the payroll and who would not be recognized if we didn't take the opportunity to do it here.

Inevitably, someone may get left out, but we're going to attempt to remember everyone. The Community Crier's Fall Festival Staff: Fall Festival Edition Editor Scott Spielman, Crier and I & C Editor Bryon Martin, General Manager Mike Carne, Reporters Linda Kochanek, Pete Broderick (who arrived just in time) and Matt Hucal, Photo Editor R. Alwood, Jr, Advertising Director Jack Armstrong, Assistant Advertising Director Chuck Skene, Advertising Consultants Michelle Tregembo Wilson, Danielle Gutherie, John Thomas, Business Manager and Part-Time Advertising Consultant Lisa Lepping, Business Assistant Diane Giera, Circulation Director Maura Cady, Receptionist Geneva Guenther, COMMA Marketing Director Gerry Vendittelli, Art & Production Director Rhonda Delonis, Graphic Artist Danielle Gutherie, Vicki Freund, and Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride and of course, Crier Publisher W. Edward Wendover.

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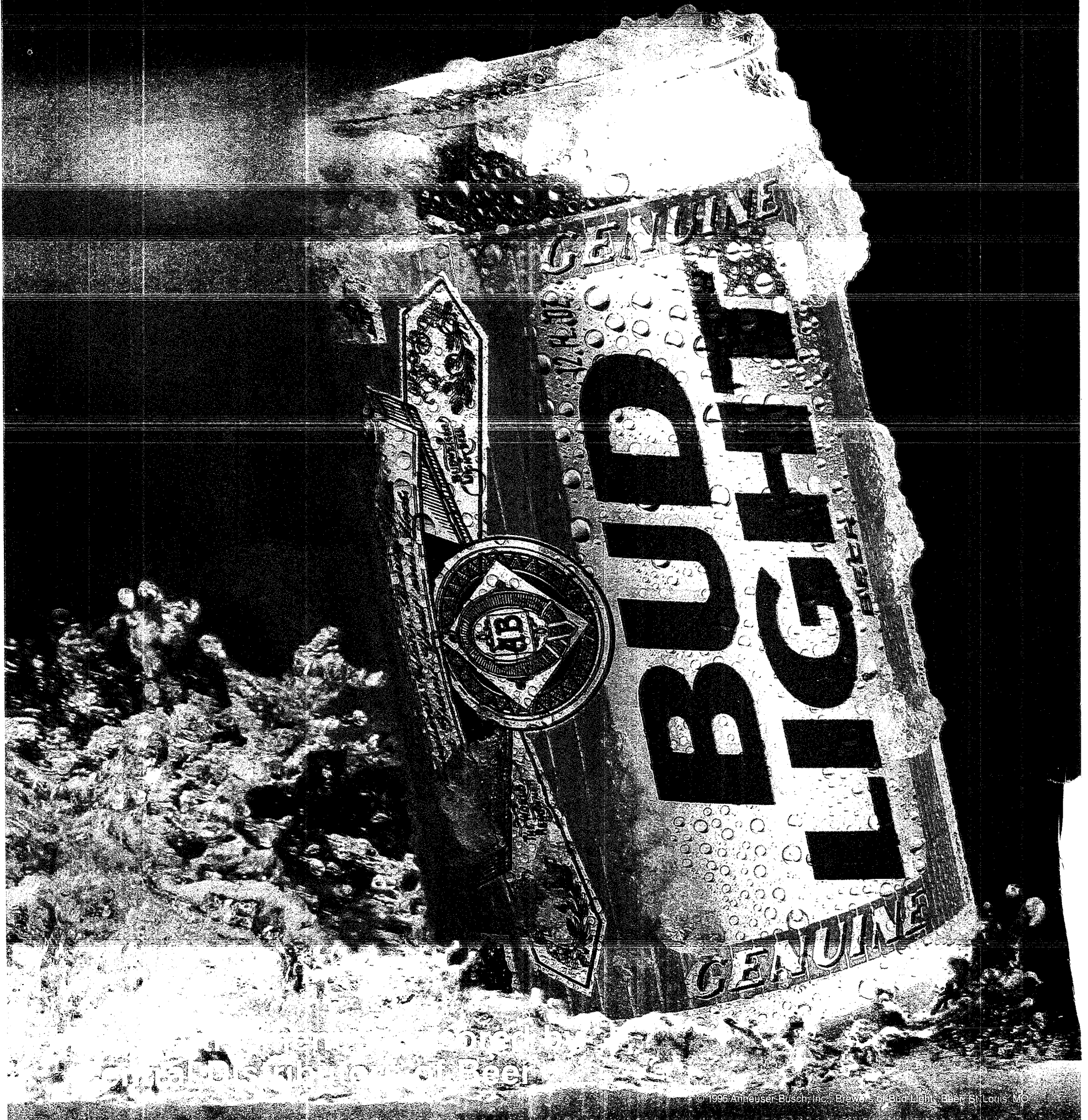
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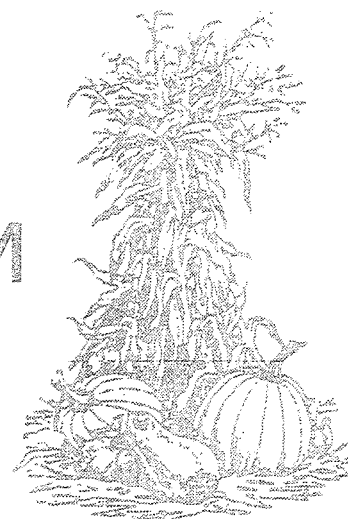
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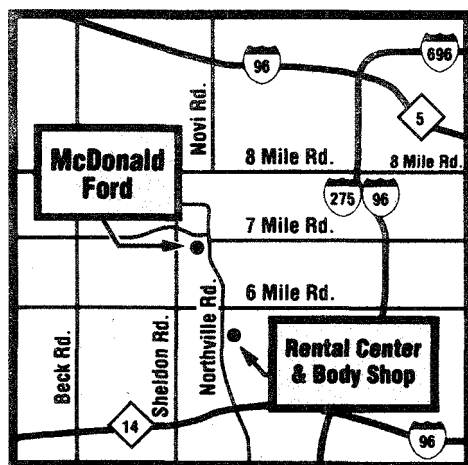
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