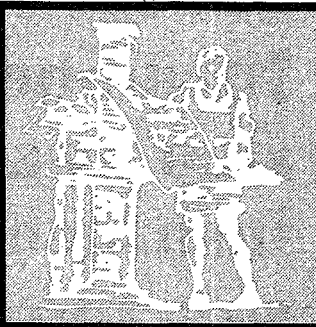


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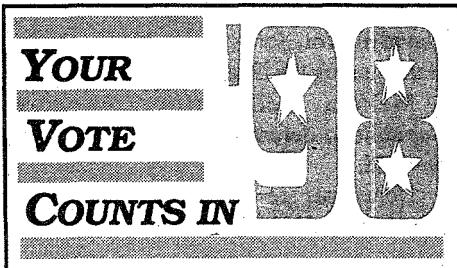
They're off

Candidates bid for party vote in primary

BY BRYON MARTIN

If yesterday's flurry of activity is any indication, this campaign season for state and county elections could be a busy one in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

Tuesday was the filing deadline for candidates to be included on the August 4 primary election ballot. In some races P-C-N voters will face as many as four choices within a single party.



The competition for these seats is the outcome of a shuffling of legislators and would-be lawmakers initiated by incumbents who left their positions to run for others opened through term limits and retirements.

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Guns at schools

Police in Canton and The City of Plymouth are investigating two separate cases involving students who brought guns to school in the past two weeks.

According to Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck of Plymouth City police, a 6th grader at Central Middle School has been suspended and may face expulsion for bringing a small pistol to school and showing it to friends last week.

The youth never made threats with the gun, according to Hundersmarck.

Canton Police Ofc. Kieth Lazar confirmed that an East Middle School student had been involved in a similar incident last week. Lazar did not release further details, as the student is a juvenile.

Hundersmarck confirmed that the student was in a Wayne County juvenile facility.

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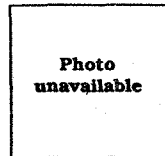
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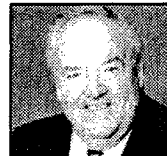


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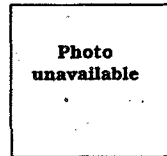


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Canton seeks 2 mills for roads

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton residents will be asked to pass a dedicated 2 mill road millage this August, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

If passed, Canton taxpayers would be \$2 for every \$1,000 valuation of their home. A homeowner with a \$150,000 home with an SEV of \$75,000 would pay an extra \$150 for the eight-year proposal; for a \$200,000 home, the increase would be \$200.

The millage would generate about \$3.5 - \$4 million per year which would be earmarked for road improvement projects, Yack said.

"It will be spent on road-widening projects and land and right-of-way acquisitions, things normally not funded by the county," Yack said.

Canton has recently completed a road study program, with help from the auditing firm Plante Moran. In it officials asked how much it costs to maintain road systems in other communities. They also asked Wayne County how Act 51 funds were distributed, Yack said.

Act 51 funds are given from the state to governmental units such as cities and counties, Yack said. As a charter township, Canton does not receive the funds directly. They

are instead given to Wayne County, who distributes them based on the number of vehicle registrations within any township, he said.

"They generally don't fund any improvement projects," Yack said. "Those funds are usually used for road maintenance, overlays, traffic lights and snow removal."

Township trustees chose to ask residents for a millage increase because it raises capital without interest, Yack said. The township had proposed a bond issue for road improvements in 1995, but it was voted down, he said.

If passed, much of the proposed increase would fund projects are east of Canton Center Road, Yack said. Sheldon, Lilley and Haggerty roads all need widening, and would be unlikely to partially federally or county funding, Yack said.

The millage is also the only way to guarantee road improvements funding for Canton roads, Yack said. Recent gas tax increases are distributed to repair critical bridges, with the remainder flowing back into Act 51 funds.

"The money will be raised here, controlled here and spent here. We'll ensure that," Yack said. "I've been saying for years that if you want road improvements in Canton, you're going to have to pay for them."

Issues on the ballot:

Wayne County:

On the ballot for all Wayne County residents in August is the issue of the Super Majority. Sponsored by outgoing commissioners Bruce Patterson and Thad McCotter, the supermajority would require two-thirds of all County Commissioners as well as 60 per cent of all voters to pass a tax increase for Wayne County.

Plymouth Township:

Plymouth Township residents will be asked to approve the first millage increase since 1985. Three separate millages will be before the voters:

- 3 Mills for Police, Fire and Dispatch services. Two of the three mills will replace monies currently taken from the Township's general fund to pay for fire and police services. The extra mill will be used for new services including extra personnel.
- .5 mills for recreation services. The first step towards joint recreation services between the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, the funds will go towards recreation services such as soccer and baseball fields.
- .75 mills for Western Township Utility Authority (WTUA) debt. This tax will replace current water bill service fees. The Township resident currently pay for part of WTUA debt through a service fee that appears on their water bills. This millage would replace that fee and be tax deductible, possibly saving residents money.

Canton Township:

Canton residents will be asked to approve a 2 mill increase that will be dedicated to improving the township's roadways. The approximately \$3.6 million the millage would generate are earmarked for road improvement projects, as well as right-of-way and land acquisition for road expansion.

Incumbents step away, insurgents step into County races

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In 1997 State Sen. Bob Geake announced he would not seek re-election to the post in 1998.

With that long-held seat now open, Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, State Rep. Deb Whyman and former State Rep. Jim Ryan will face each other in the primary for nomination as Republican candidate for the 9th Senate.

The only Democrat running for the seat is Marc M. Susselman.

With Whyman focused on the Senate, Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson is seeking the position she held in the 21st State House. He'll compete with fellow Republican Patricia Fatyma for the G.O.P.'s primary vote.

Ray Bailey is the sole Democratic candidate.

Western Wayne County Democrats look eager to take back one of two chairs Republicans have held on the County Commission. Four Democratic candidates have filed in the 11th district: Fred Bolden, David Parrot, John Sullivan and Thomas Hartnett seek the Democratic nomination.

Melissa McLaughlin is the lone Republican defending the chair Patterson has held.

Democrats are also seeking a coup in the county's 10th district. With McCotter, the incumbent, racing toward the Senate, Democrats Dennis Shrewsbury and James McClosky have filed to run in the district.

The only Republican seeking the seat is State Rep. Lyn Bankes. Elected in 1984, she leaves Lansing after serving seven terms in the 19th House district.

Bankes and other legislators leave the State House and Senate this year in the first wave of turnovers initiated by term limits legislation passed in 1994.

State Rep. Gerald Law, incumbent in the 20th House District, says this is the last time he will run for the office, but not before facing K.C. Mueller for the Republican bid in the primaries. Fred Diacovo represents Democrats in that race for the House.

In three races, including three incumbents, no run-off will be necessary.

No other Democrats filed to run against seated U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Rivers in the 13th U.S. House. Tom Hickey filed as a Republican candidate.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, the Republican incumbent, will face Democrat Ken Warfield this fall for the 8th Senate.

Republican candidate Steve Conley is trying for the 18th House now held by State Rep. Eileen DeHart, the Democratic incumbent.



Painting the house... Plymouth artist Kenneth P. Grenham is working on a series of three paintings of the Wilcox house and property. "I love this property. There are a variety of magnolia trees and the tallest copper beechnut in the state," he said. Concerned that the property will soon be developed, Grenham's paintings seek to capture the landmark Plymouth home. Grenham will add details from his work of the Queen Anne style home, incorporating past and present. Fenced-in deer and an ornate bull fountain will be reproduced from old photos provided by Jack Wilcox, owner of the house. Grenham won an honorable mention at the 26th Michigan Annual fine arts exhibition. His award-winning painting is now on display at the Plymouth Community Arts Council on Sheldon Road. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Board cuts Twp. Hall request

Officials say project can be funded by other means

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Plymouth Township taxpayers will find a reduced utility millage request on the Aug. 4 ballot, and they won't see a .5-mill request for a new township hall at all.

At their meeting last night, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees

was expected to finalize millage requests for the general election in August.

Trying to ease sticker shock, the township decided to eliminate its request for funding because they believe they will have enough money without the increase to fund the project, accord-

ing to Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

The Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) millage, designed to transfer a water bill debt to a tax, has been reduced from 1.56 mills to 0.75 mills. According to Keen McCarthy, the township decided to ask for a millage that would cover only the WTUA service fee on water bills, not the entire \$2 million WTUA debt.

Currently, \$1.1 million of the yearly debt is paid for by sewer tap-in charges paid by real estate developers. Keen McCarthy said that fund should last until the year 2020, when the WTUA debt will be paid off.

Neither the recreation millage nor the police, fire and dispatch millage have been changed.

"We're trying to be as conservative with the tax payers' money as possible," said Keen McCarthy.

Whether or not the township has the funds to build a new township hall depends heavily on whether or not the police, fire and dispatch millage passes

Park donated to Twp.?

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Peter Miller may finally get his wish.

For years Miller had talked about donating his property at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Ferguson Avenue to Plymouth Township. He wanted to see it made into a park.

Miller used to grow raspberries on the property, a pastime he was known to love. Since his death last year, the raspberries are no longer tended.

The property has been passed to his sister-in-law, Clare Haskey of Traverse City. Haskey has decided to follow-up on Miller's wishes of making the property a park, according to her attorney James Smith.

"It all could still fall apart," Smith said. "But, at this point, I don't think that will happen."

Part of Miller's property will be donated to the Township, Smith said. Part will be sold off. But the remaining piece, a three-acre triangular plot, could be a park.

Smith is now finalizing the deal with Township Attorney Tim Cronin. Miller's family wants a legal guarantee that the plot will always remain a park, according to Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

"They want it to be a place where children can go and play," she said.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Today & tomorrow at Tanger Elementary, P-C Schools' will register children for its Kids' Time programs. Sign up depends on program location. Call 734-420-7040 for further details.
- Tomorrow, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in City Hall.
- Tomorrow, the Canton Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the museum. Mark Nice, International Windmillers Assc. member, will present a film on windmills. Public is invited; refreshments will be served. Call 734-453-5297 for more information.

NEXT WEEK

- Monday, Plymouth's City Commission meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall.
- Tuesday, Plymouth Twp. Trustees meet at 7:30 p.m. in Township Hall.

THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band perform from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Kellogg Park. The show opens Plymouth's "Entertainment's on us" series of free music every Friday in the city.

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Spring is in the air, and The Crier's Spring Tonic will be in next week's paper. Check it out for a GUIDE to outdoor activities for you and your family.

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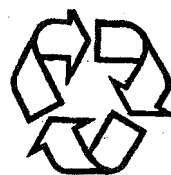
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Canton seniors wait

Renters, Sheldon Place on hold for 9 months

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Virginia Brown, 81, moved back to Michigan from Florida to be closer to her family. She packed most of her belongings into the back of her car and moved in with her daughter and son-in-law until her new apartment at Canton's Sheldon Place was ready.

That was in January.

Now, nearly five months later, she's still waiting for the final finishing touches to be completed.

"It doesn't look like they've done anything since I went through and looked at my apartment in February," she said.

Brown, who applied to move into the senior high-rise in September, was told she could move in to

her apartment in January. January turned into February, then March, she said. The facility's scheduled grand opening May 27 has been postponed again, according to manager Ginnie Hauck.

In the meantime, Brown is in limbo. Her belongings are still packed into her car, and she is still sharing a residence with her daughter and son-in-law. She has furniture picked out and has started phone service to

the apartment, but is still unable to move in.

"It's quite disheartening that the delay has been this long, and it's getting to the point where it's very frustrating," she said. "I don't see how a construction company could have this kind of leeway. It's a good thing I'm not signing their paychecks."

The building was originally scheduled to be completed last August, Hauck said. But several delays, including the August death of John Mallick, the project's original architect, have pushed the project more than nine

months behind schedule.

"We lost some time there in looking for another architect," Hauck said. But it's there that her sympathy ends.

De Maria Construction, the firm building the res-

idence, stated the architect's death was the primary reason for the delay of the project, although Hauck said a new architect was working on the project within one month.

"Even during that time there was work that could have been done," Hauck said. "There was dry wall that could have been hung and other work inside the building."

Sheldon Place is a federally-subsidized senior residence at the corner of Ford and Sheldon roads. Like neighboring Canton Place, the building is operated by the non-profit organization National Church residences. They are open to seniors over the age of 62, who make less than \$20,000.

The latest set of delays came in the inspection process, Hauck said. A newly constructed building is usually inspected after completion. Problems are compiled on a punch list. Sheldon Place's punch list was given to project architects in March, with the understanding that the faults would be corrected in four weeks, Hauck said.

When Hauck and representatives from the department of Housing of Urban Development (HUD) met with the architects after the deadline, DeMaria hadn't corrected any of the items on the punch list, she said.

"We told them we weren't going to take possession of the building until the items on

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— Virginia Brown
Sheldon Place renter

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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know, who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by May 15th to be considered for the May page.

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Canton's signs of summer: Orange cones coming

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Construction cones along the roadside may outnumber Canton residents this year. The orange plastic cones are as sure a sign that warmer weather is finally upon us as the robins visible in the budding trees.

But unlike the feathered harbingers of spring, construction cones signal that relief is on the way for some of the more congested areas of Canton.

Work in several key intersections is scheduled to be completed this year, according to Canton Engineer Tom Casari.

Among the improvements planned are the widening of the Ford-Lilley intersection, the Lilley-Cherry Hill intersection and the widening of Canton Center Road from Cherry Hill to Ford Road, Casari said. Work along Michigan Avenue, including the re-aligning of Canton Center Road, is also scheduled to be completed, He said.

The Canton Center project is among the largest road improvement projects in the Township, Casari said. The road will be widened from two lanes to five from Cherry Hill to Ford. The intersection at Cherry Hill and Canton Center will also be widened to provide much needed traffic relief, Casari said.

Funded in part with federal dollars, the widened road will provide easier access to the new post office, which will open this fall.

Lilley Road will also be among the hardest hit by construction and one of the

greatest benefactors from improvements. The Ford-Lilley intersection will be widened to five full lanes, with a dedicated left turn lane onto Lilley both north and south of Ford, Casari said.

The Lilley-Ford intersection is the first of several improvements along Ford Road proposed by the DDA and using funds captured from within the district. That proposal also included an access road from Lilley to the Sears Plaza, but that part of the plan is still in the design phases, Casari said.

"It's proven to be more of a difficult process," he said. "There's a chunk of private property that has to be crossed, and since the road will be on the edge of the drain bed, the retaining wall will need some work, too."

Left turn lanes will also be added to the Lilley-Cherry Hill intersection, Casari said.

Pavement of Morton Taylor Road between Ford and Warren roads will also begin this year, Casari said.

Casari said most of the obstacles that set the project back in previous years have been overcome, such as wetland issues and obtaining rights of way at Ford Road. Wayne County is developing a bridge design to span Willow Creek, which would complete the design portion of the project.

"We should be able to bid the project out this year, but it's most likely that the major portion of the construction will take place next year," he said.

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news



Erin Wysocki (right, with mother, **Edie**) recently auditioned for and was accepted by the Plymouth Community Chorus as a new alto.

Erin is a student at Salem High School. She is also active with the Plymouth Park Players and LifeLine Drama at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Steven G. Decker, of Plymouth, was recently honored for being among the top 2 per cent academically of his college class at Iowa State University.

Charles E. Riley was recently promoted to Marine Staff Sergeant while serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16, Marine Air Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Tustin, Santa Ana, CA.

Riley is a 1983 graduate of Canton High School.

Hillsdale College junior **Zach Holmes**, son of **Zach and Paula Holmes** of Plymouth, was recently elected vice president of the Hillsdale College Libertarians.

A 1995 graduate of Canton High School, Holmes is a member of the Phi Alpha Theta history honorary and the Praxis free-market club.

Robin Comer and Maureen Skelly of Plymouth recently graduated from Siena Heights College.

Navy Lt. j.g. **Kevin A. Jankowski**, son of **Charles A. and Joyce K. Jankowski** of Northville, has completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the guided missile destroyer USS John Rodgers, homeported in Mayport, FL.

Starting a new adventure

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Among the things Elizabeth Broderick will miss most when she moves back to New York is her job at Growth Works.

Broderick, a Plymouth resident for more than 27 years, has worked with Growth Works for more than 12 years. Currently the Coordinator of Women's Programming with Growth Works, she has facilitated and expanded many of the social service agency's programs.

"My job here has always included a lot of different things," she said.

Broderick is a graduate of the University of Detroit with a bachelor of science degree in Addiction Psychology. When she began her career with Growth Works, it was with the Women's Recovery in Action program. She said it was an obvious path for her to follow; every aptitude test she had ever taken had suggested she become a therapist.

Originally the program was for victims of alcoholism, but Broderick thought the program would be more effective if it was revamped.

"I saw the need to open it up to a larger group of people," she said. "We made it more accessible, and open to women with any type of problem, whether it be divorce, grief or addiction."

Another program Broderick helped found is the Adolescent Female Chemical Dependency Group, she said. The group offers therapy sessions for adolescents twice a week and helps them deal with various problems they may encounter.

Broderick and other Growth Works counselors are typically notified by parents, who express concern for their children, she said. She then meets with the parents to gather information about the child, then meets with the young people themselves, she said.

The rigorous program is designed to help adolescents develop more healthy relationships by being more self-reliant, she said.

"It's a very strict program, but I'll get phone calls or letters from someone I helped out nine years ago and they'll thank me and tell me what a profound impact I had on their life," she said. "It lets you know that what we do here really works and has a long term effect. What we do is generate long-term changes in people's lives."

It's one of the aspects she'll miss when she and her husband John return to New York to be closer to their family. She won't miss the work for long, however. After a brief sabbatical, she plans to continue her work.



Elizabeth Broderick is leaving GrowthWorks after 12 years with the organization. She and her husband, John are moving back to New York after 27 years in Plymouth.

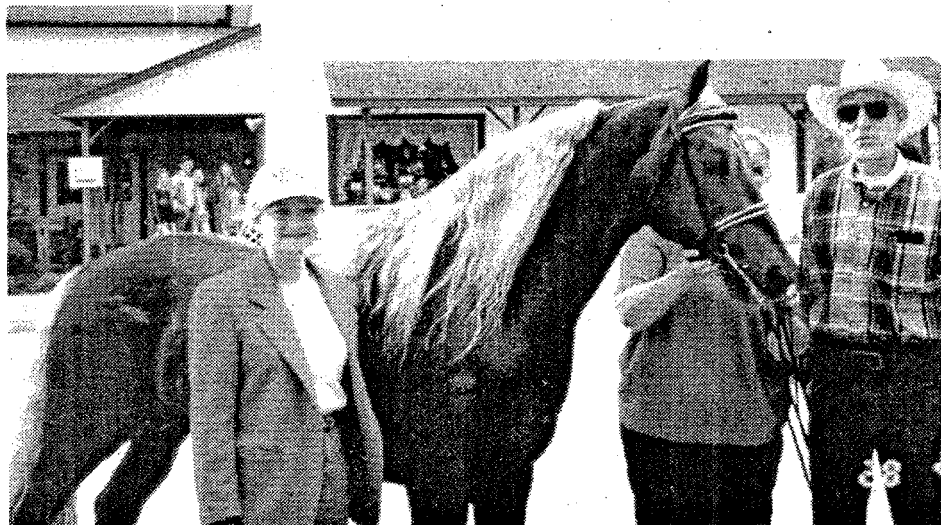
But that won't make leaving Plymouth any easier, she said.

"I'm having real mixed emotions. It's a bittersweet situation," she said. "I know I'm doing the right thing, but I have a great feeling of loss leaving Growth Works and Plymouth in general. I have a lot of friends here, and I'll really miss the staff I've been working with so long.

"But it's time to move on. We're ready for the adventure."

A model stallion

Plymouth couple's stallion selected as 'Stone Horses' model



Paula Cook (left) stand next to FTR **Golden Victory**, **Jennifer Moore** and **Peter Stone** (right).

Golden Victory was selected by **Stone** as the model for the limited edition of the 1998 Special Run Model for the Stone Horses collection.

The horse, a six-year-old dark golden Palomino Morgan Stallion, was selected by **Stone** because of its rare coloring. Only nine out of about 10,000 registered Morgans share the coloring.

Cook, a Plymouth resident, owns the horse with her husband, **Ron**. The **Peter Stone Model Horse Company** is located in the Amish town of **Shipshewana**, where all model horses are hand painted by the Amish.

B-K gets 1st OK

Canton mega deal clears EPA, faces DNR

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Burton-Katzman can breathe a sigh of relief since the objections to their proposed Ford-I-275 project were dropped last week by the Environmental Protection Agency.

But the fight isn't over yet, according to Chuck DiMaggio, project manager for Burton-Katzman. DiMaggio said the developer would normally submit applications for wetland impact permits to the local Department of Natural Resource (DNR). With projects as large as the proposed 124-acre development, the DNR forwards the request to the EPA.

"If the EPA raises objections about a project, the DNR usually won't approve it," DiMaggio said. "With those objections removed, we're in a position to move forward."

"We were definitely relieved. It was a big hurdle to overcome," he said.

DiMaggio said the EPA objected to the amount of wetlands Burton-Katzman proposed to mitigate. The original proposal called for a complete relocation of the wetlands on the site in order to provide room for the project's residential components.

The revised proposal, submitted last

month, called for less wetland mitigation, more office space and no residential space, DiMaggio said.

It was that proposal that the EPA approved, and forwarded their recommendation to the DNR. The DNR makes the final decision, he said.

"It's not a complete answer, but it lets us know where we're headed," DiMaggio said. "We'll continue to negotiate with the Downtown Development Board and the Board of Trustees and hopefully we'll come up with a doable project."

DDA chairperson Ralph Shufeldt said the DDA will meet tomorrow to discuss further objections the rest

of the board has about the project.

The DDA Board and the Board of Trustees will hold a joint meeting to discuss whether they should provide \$3.2 million in funds for the project.

"I would like to clear up any objections so that any approval of the project would be completely unanimous," he said.

It's not a complete answer, but it lets us know where we're heading.

— Chuck DiMaggio
Burton-Katzman

Mettetal board meeting

For the first time since last month's plane crash, the Mettetal Advisory Board will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the EAA Hanger.

The board consists of representatives from The Plymouth-Canton Community, as well as Airport Manager Doug Kitze and MDOT liaison Randy Collier. The board will set aside time at the meeting to hear citizens' comments about the airport.

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

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The award is given to an office that earns the Century 21 Centurion award for a high level of production and its Quality Service Pinnacle award in the same year. Only 92 offices in the U.S. received this award in 1997.

For the third consecutive year, Johnson Controls is a General Motors Supplier of the Year. The automaker named its 1997 Supplier of the Year award winners recently, honoring them for outstanding performance in quality, service and price.

To qualify for the award, suppliers had to achieve outstanding quality performance — delivering the automaker fewer than 25 unacceptable parts per million.

The Plymouth-based company was among 182 firms from 25 countries that gained the honor for 1997.



Paula Winkler-Doman has been promoted to operations manager for Visteon Automotive Systems' Climate Control Division, a position which puts her in charge of nine manufacturing facilities around the world.

Winkler-Doman is currently pulling double duty as plant manager at Visteon's Sheldon Road Plant, as well. A replacement is expected to be named within two weeks.

Jonna's new store a step up

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Al Jonna's new store isn't just a bigger, brighter facility. It's like stepping into another time.

Called the Picnic Basket Market Place, the store is located next to his old business at the corner of Ridge and Ann Arbor roads.

The new store sits in a modern shopping center, a substantial upgrade from the building it had previously occupied, which was built in the 1920s, Jonna said.

"We've been working on a new building for a while, now," Jonna said. "The time was finally right."

Jonna first opened his business in February of 1998. It was at first a convenience store, selling a small amount of grocery items as well as hot pizza.

The new store offers a lot more, he said.

At 4,000-square feet, the store is almost three times as large as his previous store. The extra space is stocked with upscale groceries, such as imported cheeses and other products.

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Al Jonna's new store will eventually house Plymouth's widest selection of alcohol. It also features hot food, and a fresh meat counter (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

Also new to the store are a fresh meat counter and a deli bar that features homemade salads, upper-class lunchmeats and an expanded selection of hot food.

The store also features a six-foot tall humidor and will feature Plymouth's best variety of liquors once the store is fully stocked, Jonna said.

Open only a week, the store is already enjoying some of the draw from neighboring Arbor Drugs, Jonna said. Jonna owns that building as well, and selected Arbor as a tenant because of its

reputation as a well-run drug store. They don't directly compete because he offers different and more upscale products, he said.

Jonna plans to keep the close relationship with his customers that made his old store, as well as his Westland store so successful, he said.

"It caters to people who like convenience," he said. "We could've made the store bigger, but it's possible to be too big, and lose that connection with your customers. We didn't want that."

Chamber honors Canton businesspeople



Sally Bailey (right) is congratulated by Nicki Wilson (left) after winning the 1997 ATHENA Award.

The award is given by the Canton Chamber of Commerce to business women who exemplify the contributions women make to business in Canton.

As site administrator of St. Joseph Mercy's Canton Health Building, Bailey balances her career with her family. Bailey is also a Chamber board member, and active in the community.

Canton businessman Tom Gerou was also honored with the Businessperson of the Year award. Gerou, who owns and operates Gerou Chiropractic on Ford Road, is also a member of the Canton Downtown Development Authority Board.

Building camaraderie

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the punch list were 99.5 per cent complete," Hauck said.

The decision ultimately belonged to HUD. The agency is funding the project with a grant and as principal insurer of the project they are responsible for it. HUD didn't want the facility to present any problems for the seniors, and wouldn't risk a move-in until the building is finished to their satisfaction.

Under terms of the contract signed by HUD and DeMaria, the firm won't be fined for the tardy project. HUD has refused to release any more funds for the project until it is ready for occupancy, Hauck said.

"The construction company played a game with HUD and lost, but we're the ones who got hurt," Hauck said.

Worst hit by the delays were the 55 seniors who were planning on moving in to the facility, Hauck said. After the last deadline, Hauck sent out notices to seniors interested in moving in. Most made plans to move, plans which had to be altered when the facility turned out to not be ready, Hauck said.

"Many found other places to live with

friends or family," Hauck said. "But two didn't have any place to live. The construction company is putting them up at Extended Stay America."

Hauck said HUD gave DeMaria another set of deadlines to have the residence ready for use by the end of the month, which means yet another postponement of the facility's opening.

"We know there have been delays, but we are working diligently to get the people in there," said Pat Mys, marketing coordinator for DeMaria construction. "It's in the residents' best interest to move in, and we're doing our best to ease what has been a hard situation for them."

Mys said DeMaria was working on the punch list, and should it completed within two weeks.

Hauck said she is still trying to help the seniors look at the positive side of the situation.

"We're building a sort of camaraderie because we've all gone through the disappointment," She said. "We already share that bond. And the bottom line is, we're getting a beautiful building."



Bids to help... Having raised more than \$5,000 Saturday at their annual radio auction, WSDP will donate \$500 to First Step, a Canton organization for victims of domestic violence, according to Station Manager Bill Kieth (standing). (Left to right) First Step's Barbara Denny helps staffers Ryan Roe and Sam Plymale with auction duties. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

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When life gives you lemons... WSDP 88.1 F.M. has a sassy new program Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., "Lemonade", hosted by Betty Smith. Smith interviews an area senior each week. Today's guest is Geneva Guenther (left). Also shown are Tania Balan (center) and Betty Smith (right).

ADVANCED LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

Financial Consultant Paul Leduc will present an advanced living trust seminar **tonight** at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Road. Now that you have a living trust, learn how to make it work for you, including: tax planning with living trusts and trust asset management. It's open to the public and free of charge. For more information call (248) 594-1020.

ENTERTAINMENT ON US

The Downtown Development Authority of Plymouth is sponsoring concerts every Friday in Kellogg Park from 6:45-10 p.m. Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band will be performing this Friday, May 15.

CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Canton Beautification Committee is hosting a Spring Plant Exchange on **Saturday, May 16**, from 9-11 a.m. at the Pavilion behind the Historical Museum. Bring your healthy perennials, herbs, seeds, bulbs and house plants. Please label with common name, latin name and growing conditions. Call Chris at 734-495-0042 for more information.



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PLYMOUTH-CANTON HEADSTART PROGRAM


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

MENTORS NEEDED

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

THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING


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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is now registering for all June classes. A variety of classes are available for preschool through adult. YMCA Parent/Child programs are also beginning. Call 734-453-2904.

CANTON ROTARY HAWAIIAN RAFFLE

The Canton Rotary Club is holding its annual "Hawaiian Raffle" Monday, June 15, at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road. The event begins at 6 p.m. and raffle tickets cost \$160 for the Grand Prize of a round trip to Hawaii with \$3000 cash. A second drawing for Myrtle Beech is only \$10 per ticket. Call Dave (734) 453-2230 for tickets and information.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society welcomes all interested persons who are curious about scanners, short-wave radio listening, Morse code and satellite communications. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month, except July and August, at Plymouth City Hall, 201 South Main Street. Call Ralph Moote (K8DPL) at 734-455-7652.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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

HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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



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SUICIDE LOSS PROGRAM

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HANDBOOKS

40-page handbook contains current domestic violence laws, women's rights, community resources list, and more, in Arabic. Pick-up copies at Arab-American and Chaldean Council, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, Wayne County prosecutor's office and department of public health clinic in Dearborn. English, Spanish versions available. Call 313-224-6994.

CHRISTIAN AEROBICS

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GUIDE to Entertainment

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248-349-0522; Live Interactive Dinner Theater.

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734-455-8450; Thurs.: Live Blues: The Twistin' Tarantulas.

THE LOWER TOWN GRILL

734-451-1213; Live Blues Fri. & Sat.: The Witch Doctors.

MARQUIS THEATRE

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

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PENN THEATRE

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PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

734-454-0178; Thurs.: "The Poet and the Power" with an Allen Ginsberg Memorial.

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

PLYMOUTH PARK PLAYERS

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Speech geeks

CEP team takes state honors in Forensics

BY BRYON MARTIN

Go ahead. Call them speech geeks. These CEP students know they're made of stern stuff.

"People fear what we do more than they fear death." It's a bold statement, but one the speaker can back up.

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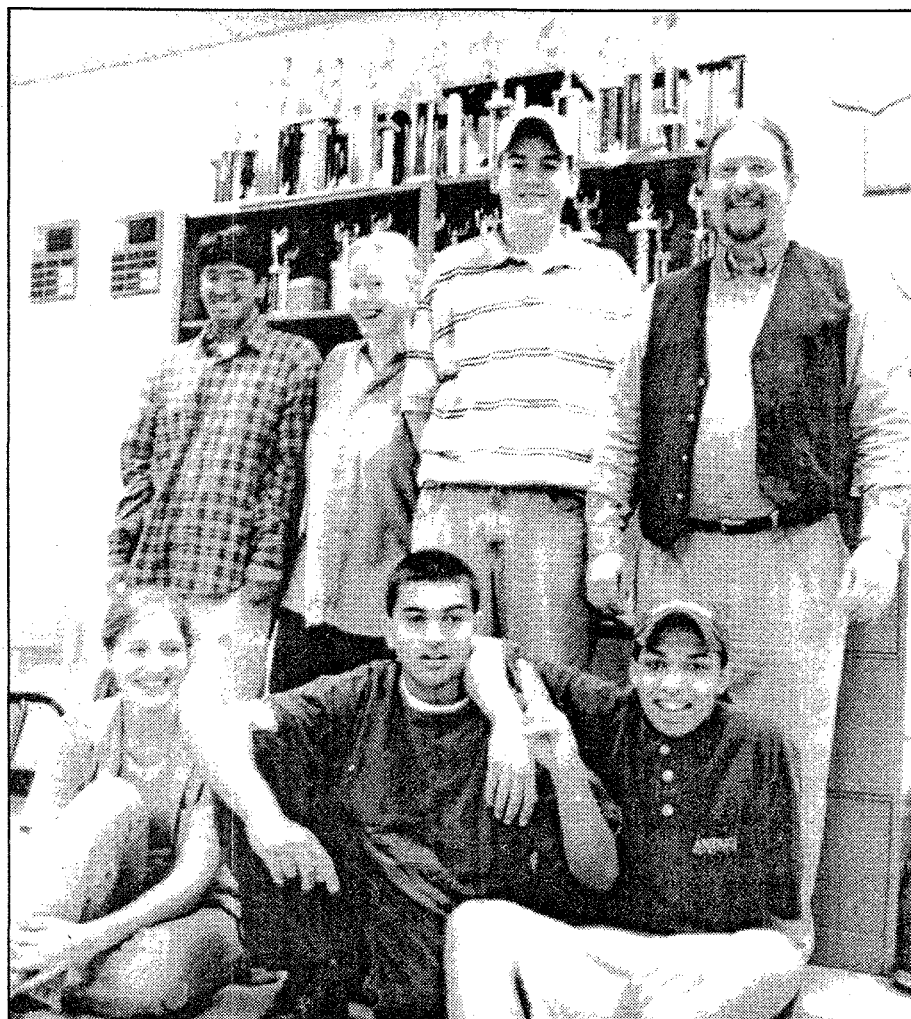
You might think that a debatable fact, but not with these students. They don't

just argue for the sake of being right. They argue to win. They're part of the CEP Forensics Team.

If you've never heard of forensics you're not much different than most CEP students. It's an activity seldom publicized and even less often understood.

"People think we cut up dead bodies," Denise Dooley says. She's referring to forensic science, the post-mortem detective work popularized by films such as

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Who's afraid of public speaking? Not the CEP Forensics team. The Park's 25 Forensicators excel at talking before large crowds, an act reputed to be more fearsome than death for some Americans. Six team members placed in state semi-final and final competition: (back row) Suraj Patel, Denise Dooley, Todd Fercho and coach Steve Marsh; (front) Carli Megasco, Niraj Patel and Ahmed Baset, who is State Champ in Oratory (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

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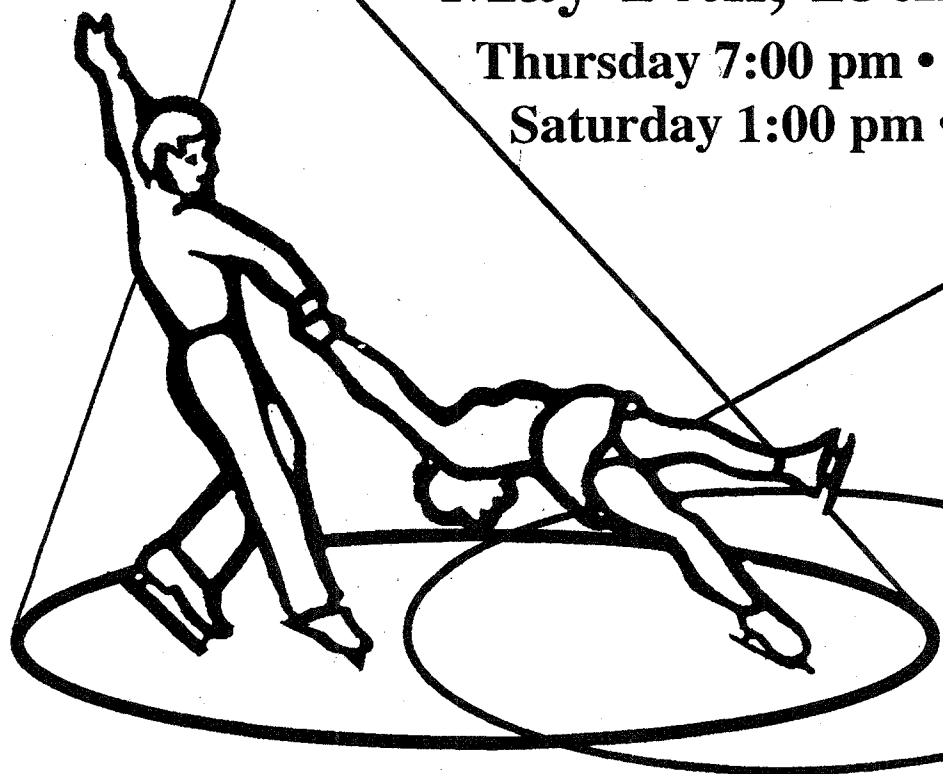
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"Silence of the lambs" and shows like "The X Files." Coach Steve Marsh explains the difference.

"Forensics is the art of argumentation. Forensic science is forensic because it argues toward a truth," he says.

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In his college days Marsh was himself a Forensic and qualified for national debate and forensics competitions.

He knows confidence is essential to being persuasive, to being the speaker judges will remember. He psyches up the team before invitationals. On the floor he wants them focused on performing, on maintaining a sportsman-like disposition. But on the bus home they can talk trash. Whether they're dissing the Portage team or talking smack about "underwear girl" and her speech about unmentionables, the CEP Forensics Team has rivals because they're competitive. They like to win. And they do.

The team took several first-places at invitationals in 1997-98. And this year the team finished with six state semi-finalists and two finalists, including Ahmed Baset, their first-ever State Champ. He won top honors in the Oratory competition, beating all comers from more than 200 Class A schools.

After an uncharacteristically shaky performance at Regionals, Baset began the state tournament from the lowest possible seed, entering on an at-large bid. But with his speech on sportsmanship in professional sports, and some psyching up from Marsh, his rank improved.

"I was expecting maybe third or fourth," he says. So it was a surprise when, on stage at the end of the competition, the judge kept announcing winners and didn't call Baset's until he reached state champ. "I put my hands on my head and was like, 'Oh my god.'"

His teammates are likely proud, but pepper their praise with ample dashes of derision. Even their coach joins in on ribbing the State Champ.

"We'll have to take another picture to fit his head in," Marsh says, advising Baset

"that title will be hard to live down."

At the taunt Baset drops his head a little and smiles. As he does, he reveals braces, which possibly reveals a bit about the type of student who typically joins Forensics. The team's answers all center on qualities they share: being sharp, witty and articulate speakers. Marsh says they've forgotten one.

"A word they're not using is geeks," he says. The team laughs.

"Yeah, we're speech geeks," says Denise Dooley.

"No. I think it's different," says Suraj Patel, the serious one. He explains what it means to be on a 25-person team in a school of more than 4,000 students. "We're not speech geeks. At Forensics you get to be more of what you are. It's less about trying to fit in and be trendy." His openness doesn't go unnoticed.

"Oh, am I trendy," one teammate asks. "Yeah Suraj, what about me, am I?" It's the kind of banter you hear between teammates or siblings, people who have grown close.

"They're very supportive of one another. They also give each other a lot of crap. It's a family relationship," Marsh says as they spar. "It's that dysfunctional thing happening. That's what you get when you're dealing with verbal people."

And if the team is a family, Marsh is the dad. Not a "father," with

attendant cardigan, pipe and stories about the office, Marsh is a dad. He wears a denim shirt and an open vest. Add his pony tail and walking stick with the contorted face carved on top, and he's more like a cool, smart-alecky uncle. But whatever the relation, the team relates to him.

Usually.

"He once made me cry," says Carli Megasco.

Like all effective coaches, Marsh helps the team push the limits of their abilities. Megasco competes in the sales event. Judges give her six to eight minutes to convince them to buy a product. She chose to pitch Cheerios. During practice one day she was working on her delivery when Marsh told her, "You're inflection is too soft."

He sent her out of the second-floor room at Canton High School and down to a courtyard outside. Over and over, Marsh had her extend her range by screaming out the cereal ditty, "The one and only Cheerios!" At first she couldn't get it right. Marsh gave her pointers. And he kept her at it for about half an hour.

For the boys track team practicing nearby, it was something of a show. For Megasco, it was embarrassing—and effective.

"He wants you to be the closest thing to cocky," she said. At the state semifinals she was ranked 10th among Class A competitors in sales competition.

"He's more than a coach. He's kind of like a friend. We go to him for advice, for teacher recommendations," Baset says. Former students visit and send him emails. "People don't just leave and forget about him."

Former Forensicator Shannon Harris is one who came back. She and Jody Devries, a substitute teacher at CEP, volunteer as assistant coaches and help team members with their technique.

"They're good at the mechanics," Baset says. "And they talk up your confidence. They're like other teammates."

Together, Harris, Devries and Marsh helped transform the team of "verbal people" into competitors who win at state competitions.

At the semifinals, Niraj Patel took 8th place for Impromptu Speaking, an event

that gives competitors six minutes to prepare from memory and deliver a four minute speech on a topic in current events.

Denise Dooley took 10th in Extemporaneous Speaking 9-10, which is like Impromptu but allows half an hour for preparation and requires a six-minute speech with documented evidence.

Todd Fercho took 7th place in broadcasting. He picked stories out of a larger group, wrote a topical editorial and created a newscast on the spot.

At the state finals Baset was joined by Suraj Patel, who took second place for Extemporaneous Speaking, 9-10. It was his first year in Forensics.

Their youth—no seniors joined this year—means the team is likely to return many of its winners. Combined with proven talent and coaching, next year's team already looks like a state contender.

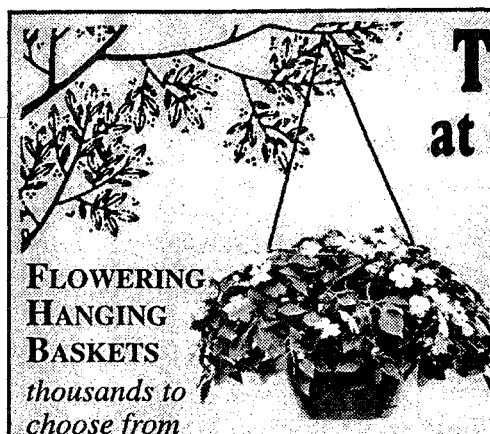
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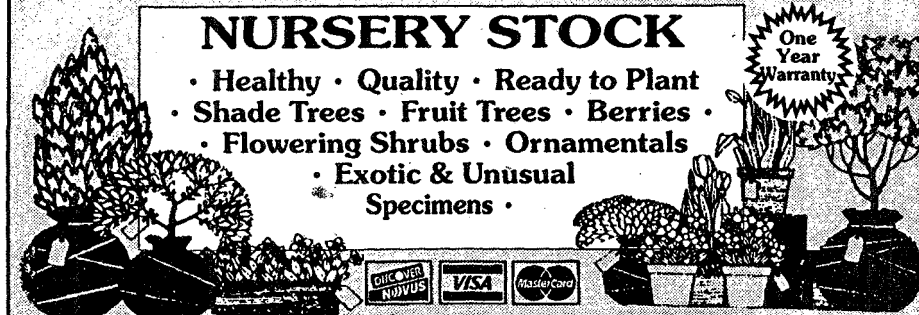
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Tritten dies at 90

Louise Tritten, a long-time Plymouth resident, who was also known about town as "the Grange Lady," died Monday at the age of 90.

Mrs. Tritten was a life long Plymouth resident. She was born Dec. 23, 1907 in Canton. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School and a 1929 graduate of Michigan State University. She taught for about four years in Brethren MI.

Louise was very active in the community as a 75-year member of the Plymouth Grange, a member of the Historical Society and a founding member of the Women's National Farm and Garden Club. She was also a member of the Ex-servicemen's Auxiliary, and the Fall Festival Board. She and her late husband, Jesse, who was also active in the Grange, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1984, prior to his death. She loved crafts, gardening and sewing.



LOUISE TRITTEN

Daniel Tritten of Plymouth, Kristine Tritten of Canton; and great-granddaughter, Angella Tritten.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tomorrow at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Mr. Sanford Burr officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Plymouth Historical Society.

She is survived by her sons, Norman (Phyllis) of Plymouth; Dale (Judith) of Plymouth, grandchildren, Darrin Tritten of Jackson, MI, Holy Tritten of Plymouth,



A Plymouth gem... Bill Beitner, proprietor of Beitner's Fine Jewelry, on Ann Arbor Trail, will close the store's doors May 30 after 46 years—to the day—of business in downtown Plymouth. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Funds shuffle could pay for hall

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this August, according to Bill Joyner, campaign manager of a citizen-led millage committee.

Of the \$4.6 million it currently costs to run township police, fire and dispatch, only \$2.6 million is covered by a special millage. The remaining \$2 million comes from the general fund, according to Keen McCarthy. This \$2 million could be used elsewhere, possibly for a new township hall, if the police, fire and dispatch millage passes it, she said.

"This is us saying let's be fiscally responsible," said Joyner. He added that the sale of the Ann Arbor Road-Lilley Road property where the township hall now sits could also be used to help fund the new hall project.

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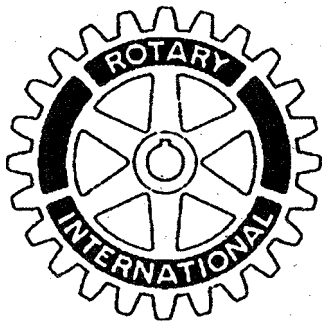
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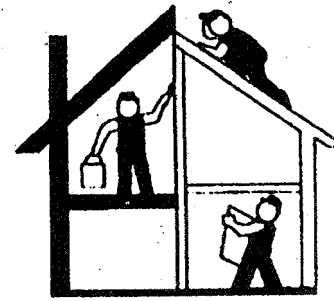
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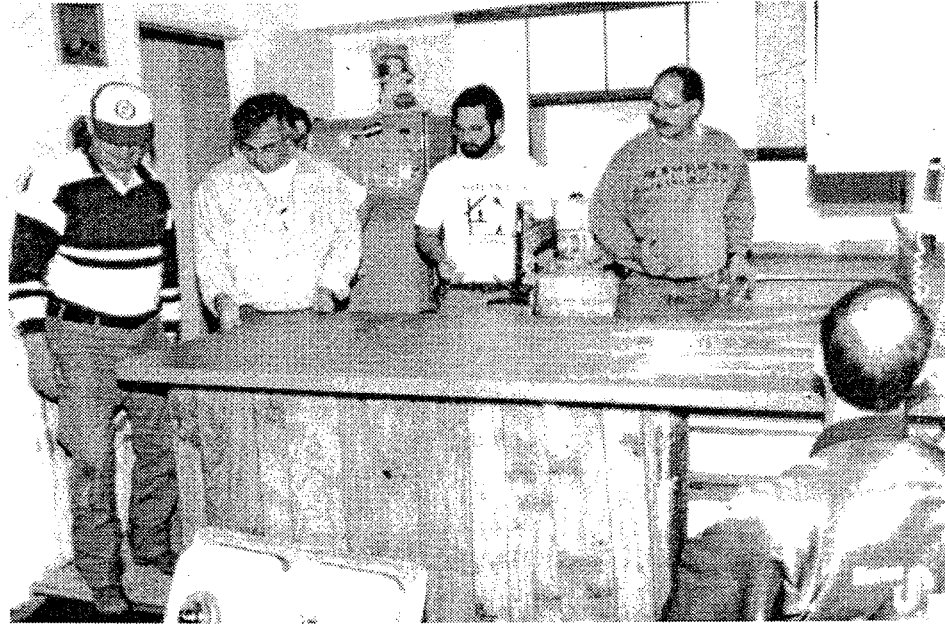
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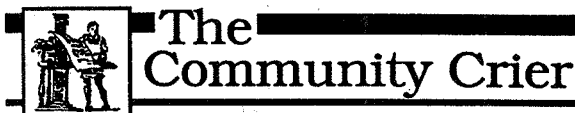
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Firefighters serve at Canton Liberty Fest

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton firefighters are proving that not only can they stand the heat, but they don't need to leave the kitchen at Canton's Liberty Fest.

According to Canton Fire Lt. Jim Davison, Canton firefighters will be serving up an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the department's charity organization.

It's a bit of a departure for the organization, which had been raising funds the past few years with charity hockey games featuring Red Wings alumni. But it's not an entirely new concept, Davison said.

"We used to have spaghetti dinners years ago when the Liberty Fest was called the Canton Country Festival," Davison said.

The Canton Firefighters have been raising funds for various charities for years, and formed a charitable organization last year. Although in the past the firefighters have raised funds for larger charities such as the University of Michigan Burn Center and Mott's Children Hospital, they also disperse funds at a more local level.

"We try to keep money in the bank to give to families that have suffered a fire

and have lost everything," Davison said. "We'll give them money to help people out."

Earlier this year, they held a fundraiser for a woman who lost her house and possession in a fire, and raised more than \$3,700, Davison said.

Davison said the supplies for the spaghetti dinner, which will be held June 19 in Heritage Park were donated by Meisel Sysco, with volunteers from Rose's Restaurant preparing the food.

"They're doing all the cooking and we're doing all the serving," Davison said.

Firefighters will also be raffling off a Princess Di beanie baby. A 1\$ ticket will buy a chance to win the sought-after collectible.

The beanie baby, donated by Richardson's pharmacy, is sure to be a big hit, Davison said.

Tickets for the spaghetti dinner are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under, and can be purchased at Canton fire stations, Rose's Restaurant on Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads, and at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at Canton's fire stations. For more information, call 981-1113.



Gone to the dogs... Anyone hanging out in Kellogg Park Saturday afternoon would think that Plymouth was overcome by Canines. Why? It was the Second Annual Dog Jog, an event that teamed up businesses, residents and their pets to raise money for charity. Joggers paid \$15 for a chance to parade their dog on a two-mile route starting and ending in Kellogg Park. Owners received a T-shirt and dogs received a bandana for their participation, and all funds raised went to the Michigan Human Society, the Huron Valley Humane Society and the Plymouth Kiwanis Club. Event sponsors included Allegra Paint and Imaging, Alsager Animal Care center, Canton Center Animal Hospital, Dan Morris Dog Training, Invisible Fence of Metro West, Jill Andra Young Photography, Roose Animal Hospital, Specialty Pet and Plymouth Water Club Grill. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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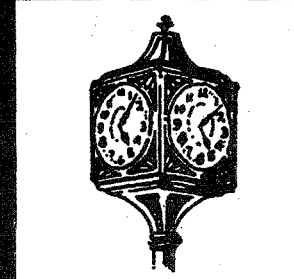
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WILLIAM NELSON LOW

William Nelson Low, a Plymouth resident, died May 4, 1998 at the age of 85.

Mr. Low was born August 1, 1912 in Michigan. He was a sales agent for a life insurance company in Virginia. He came to the Plymouth community in 1976 from Westland. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 112 of Wayne, and a lifetime member of the V.F.W. He served in the U.S. Navy as a torpedo man during WWII. He was a life member of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII. He was a very helpful and a good neighbor. He often did errands for his neighbors and took them to doctor appointments.

He is survived by his daughters, Janice (Gale) Urbanski of Harison, MI, Nancy (Robert) Quirk of Northville; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial of cremains was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

HAROLD A. BLOCK

Harold A. Block, a Plymouth resident, died May 5, 1998 at the age of 85.

Mr. Block was born Feb. 9, 1913 in Chicago, IL. He was a metallather and general superintendent with McNulty Brothers for 45 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1986. He was a member of Nativity Lutheran Church in Detroit. He belonged to the Lathers Local #5 for more than 50 years. He was an avid gardener and clock builder.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores of Plymouth; sons, Gary Block (Dianna Rorabacher) of Plymouth, Mel (Susan) Block of Seattle, WA; daughter-in-law, Mary Louise Block of Taylor, MI; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and niece, Carol Ann Lebioda. He is preceded in death by his son, Larry.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

GLADYS M. SHOLLACK

Gladys M. Shollack, a Westland resident, died May 2, 1998 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Shollack was born Sept. 14, 1914 in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Robert (Catherine) F. Shollack of Plymouth, John (Sharon) H. Shollack of Canton; brother, James (Ann) Wright of Farmington; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westland with the Rev. Myron F. Sordahl officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, 33333 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185.

GUIFRIEDA S. BRODRICK

Guifrieda S. Brodrick, a Plymouth resident, died May 8, 1998 at the age of 93.

Mrs. Brodrick was born Sept. 22, 1904 in Springfield, IL. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Robert (Shirley) W. Brodrick of

Livonia, Donald (Nancy) E., Brodrick of Plymouth; brother, Ralph Biscontine of Rock Island, IL; grandson, David Brodrick; granddaughters, Cathy Corlione, Natalie Cassady; great-grandsons, Brett Cassady, David Brodrick, Jr; and great-granddaughters, Trinia Corlione, Julie Corlione.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Eugene N. Sorensen officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or Livonia Unity Church, 28669 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

EARL K. CRAM

Earl K. Cram, a Canton resident, died May 9, 1998 at the age of 76.

Mr. Cram was born Nov. 29, 1921 in Hermansville, MI. He was the owner of the Ideal Camera Shop in Detroit. He was a member of the Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

He is survived by his sisters, June (James) K. Sykes of Belleville, Loraine (Fred) L. Rickert of East Pointe, MI, Carolee (Russell) M. Ebeid of Bloomfield Hills, MI; brothers, Keith M. Cram of Pinckney, MI, Sidney (Lynn) T. Cram of Lake Leelanau, MI; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. David Martin officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

JESSE ALBERT WOODRING

Jesse Albert Woodring, a former Canton resident, died May 11, 1998 at the age of 71.

Mr. Woodring was born Jan. 13, 1927 in Chicago, IL. He was a foreman. He moved from Canton to Florida in 1981 and is a member of Living Word Church in Newport Richey, FL. He has many family members in Westland.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Jean Woodring of Hudson, FL; 13 children; 38 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation for friends will be held at 2 p.m. May 15 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth; family visitations will be at 1 p.m. Services will be held at 11 a.m. May 16 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Fred Wilbert officiating. Burial will be at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

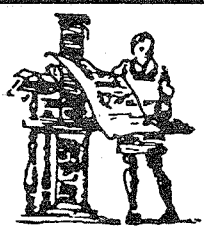
JOHN W. GRAYDON

John W. Graydon, a former Plymouth resident, died May 7, 1998 at the age of 56.

Mr. Graydon was born April 10, 1942 in Detroit. He left Plymouth about 10 years ago to live in Howell, MI. He was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Plymouth. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1960 and attended the University of Michigan for two years. He then joined the navy and went to electronics school.

He is survived by his sisters, Norma Sayres of Florida, Patricia (Sidney) Bedrosian of Plymouth; niece, Jeanette Balaze of Canton; nephews, Daniel Bedrosian of Northville, Terry Sayres of Belleville; four great-nieces; and three great-nephews.

Services were held at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth with Pastor Paul White officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.



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KAY - I'm looking at the world through rose-
 colored glasses, thanks to you. Geneva

D. MCNAMARA - You are so generous.
 Love my little doll. Thank you. Geneva

MAXINE JORDAN fell and is in St. Joe's
 Hospital What are we going to do without
 your popcorn?--Bless you! All of Plymouth

Curiosities

Dear
 Martha,
 et. al.



By Geneva Guenther

EDITOR'S NOTE: Geneva's curios got
 so much praise in this year's Readers
 Rate, we decided to make it into a col-
 umn. Enjoy, P-C-N!

So nice to talk to you on Sunday and
 great to remind you how special you
 are. The "Powers that Be" are going to
 highlight my letter to you. How about
 that? Are you important? Indeed you
 are! Lots happening in Plymouth right
 now with weddings and a Fiftieth High
 School Reunion, (that's quite a while
 "1948.") Went to a beautiful wedding
 on Saturday, Helen Clenansmith's
 grandson Mark and his beautiful bride
 Deanna. On Mother's Day I was invit-
 ed to a family gathering of the Jordan's
 in Colony Farms. (How nice of them to
 include me!) Tuesday at five there is
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 Commerce at the Plymouth Manor.
 (Went last year and it was really fun.)
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 Bless you, Geneva

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Curiosities

ERNIE ARCHER - is at Plymouth court.
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At their annual meeting held last week, votes for the board were tabulated. Laurie Johnson, Joe Reno, and Rollie Buchanan retained their spots as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer respectively.

Canton Parks and Recreation services is sponsoring a ladies golf clinic and lesson program on May 18-20. There are two times available, 10-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-7 p.m. each day.

Each session includes instruction from PGA professionals on all facets of golf play. The classes will be taught at Pheasant Run Golf Course.

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Canton Township Parks and Recreation softball standings through May 1:

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Up and down for Chiefs

BASEBALL

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Canton baseball players don't need to book that trip to Cedar Point. They've already ridden the rollercoaster all year.

They've had a five game winning streak, then a five game losing streak. When their lumber has burned, their pitching has faltered. When their arms have been cannons, their bats have been twigs. Now 8-11 overall, 5-8 in the conference, Canton enters the season's twilight still grasping for consistency.

After an easy 9-1 victory over Farmington last Wednesday, the Chiefs struggled to a 5-4 loss Friday at home versus Franklin and a loss 9-6 at Churchill Monday.

Kevin Tomasaitis went only two innings, allowing six runs on three hits and four walks against Churchill. With two outs and the bases loaded in the first, Tomasaitis gave up a double to clear the runners.

The Chiefs had regained the lead by the third but couldn't hold off Churchill. Joe Cortellini, in relief of Tomasaitis, allowed a three run homer, and again Canton was down. Two unearned Churchill runs in the fifth put the game out of reach.

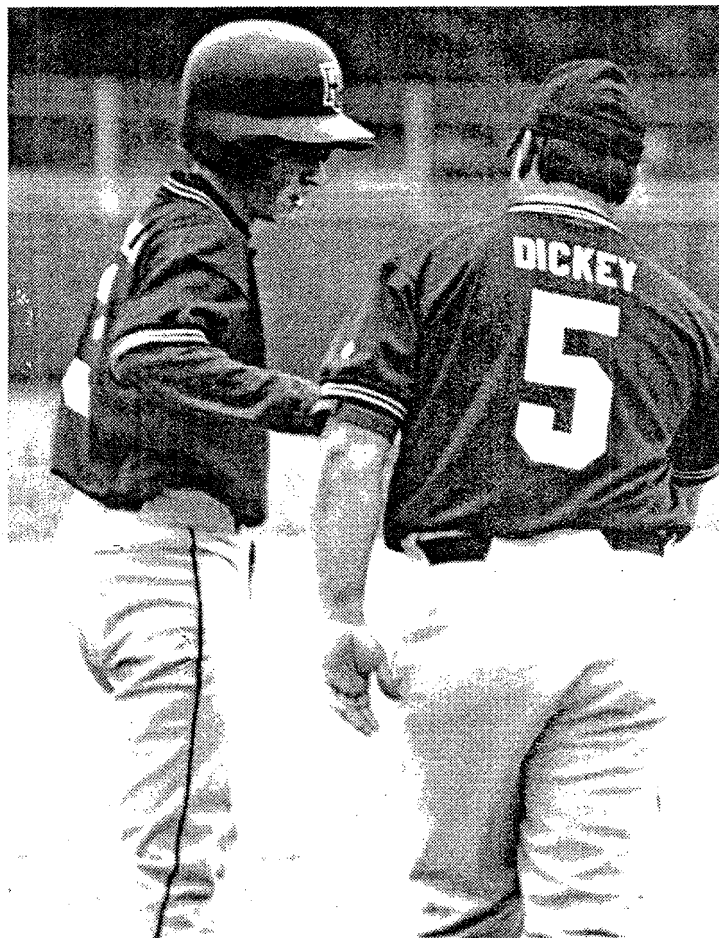
Andrew Copenhaver (3-4, 2 runs, 1 RBI), Oliver Wolcott (1-3, 1 run), and Pat VanHull (3-4, 1 run, 2 RBIs) contributed the bulk of Canton's offense versus Churchill.

Lately, most of Canton's offense has come from the top of the lineup.

"Last week we weren't hitting very well as a team," said Coach Scott Dickey. "Most of the time we have to scrape for the runs. We have to bunt, squeeze, do whatever we can."

With the conference and district tournaments right around the corner, Canton will be looking for a fusion of offense and defense to lead them through.

"It's a little frustrating right now," Dickey said.



Canton Coach Scott Dickey offers direction Friday afternoon versus Walled Lake Western. Dickey has been frustrated as of late because of his team's lack of consistent play, but said they can still pull it together. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Five year division title drought ends for Chiefs

BY BRYAN BOYD

The measure of a high school track season comes down to three meets- conferences, regionals, and for some the state meet. And after a dominating win over Farmington Harrison Thursday and a second place finish at Saturday's Troy Athens Relays, Canton Track Coach Bob Richardson is feeling pretty good about his team's capabilities.

"Our goal was to be division champions and finish in the top three in our conference," said Richardson. "We seem to be on our way."

Thursday's victory over Harrison clinched a Western division title for the Chiefs, their first in five years.

The Chiefs dominated Harrison in the distance events, sweeping the 400 meters on up. "This shows we're getting in great condition," said Richardson. "We're ready for our bigger meets."

Canton's tough core of 1600 meter runners started the distance bullying. Bryan Boyd took first (4:50), followed by Jerry Reynolds (4:53) and Shaun Moore (4:56).

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Freshman Jerry Gaines won the 400 meter dash in 53.5, Larry Anderson was a close second (53.6), with Jack Tucci completing the sweep (55.1).

The 800 meter crew of Marty Kane (2:05.9), Shaun Moore (2:06.4), and Steve Blossom (2:09.5) destroyed Harrison's distance hopefuls. Then it was Boyd's turn again, taking top honors in the 3200 meter (10:49). Jason Rutter took second (10:53, with Jon Mikosz in third (11:00).

The Chiefs 3200 meter relay team of Kane, Rutter, Blossom, and Dave Hylko was also victorious in 9:34.8. The Chief 400 meter relay team of Gary Lee, Karimjat Singh, Jason Falardeau, and Nate Howe won in 48.1 after a missed hand-off exchange by the Harrison relay squad.

Kevin Keil won both the shot put (46'8") and the discus (156'1"). Eric Larsen took the long jump with a leap of 20'4".

Despite the division championship, the Chiefs had not taken focus off of yester-

day's final dual meet against Northville. "We want to go 5-0," said senior Jerry Reynolds.

"It's gonna be a close meet," added Richardson. "They're a speed team so its again going to be our distance against their speed."

Troy Athens

The Chiefs scored 37 points at Saturday's Troy Athens Relays, finishing second to Milford High School. The Chiefs took first in the Athens relay, a race consisting of two 400 meter legs and two 800 meter legs, with a team of Kane, Anderson, Tucci, and Moore (5:56.8). Throwers Keil, Mark Popejoy, Asa Hensley, and alternate Peter Andreoli took first in the heavy man relay in 1:42.8.

Keil, Popejoy, and Jared Chapman came back with a second in the discus relay. Howe, Falardeau, Anderson, and Larsen took second in the 800 meter relay with a season's best 1:34.2. Larsen also lead the sprint medley relay team to a second place finish with the help of Howe, Lee, and Gaines.

Boulerice banned for a year

AHL to decide this week if they will uphold suspension

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Many said it was the worst stick-slashing incident they had ever seen. The OHL agreed last week, handing Whaler Jesse Boulerice a one-year suspension.

After three weeks of investigation, OHL commissioner Dave Branch announced that the Whaler forward would not be eligible for the entire 1998-99 season, including all preseason, regular season, and playoff games. As an overage player, Boulerice, 19, could have played one more year.

"It's a very serious suspension," said Whaler Coach Peter DeBoer. "He's been suspended for as long as he possibly can. Now he'll have to live with the consequences."

The incident, which occurred April 17 at Compuware Sports Arena, left Guleph Storm forward Andrew Long with severe facial and head injuries. The incident knocked Long out for the remainder of the season.

Despite the suspension, Boulerice may still be able to play next year for the Philadelphia

Flyers, who have signed Boulerice to a contract, or their AHL affiliate, the Philadelphia Phantoms. The AHL has not decided whether or not they will uphold the suspension.

"The AHL is independently investigating the incident and will reach a decision by the end of the week," said Will Wolter, assistant manager of AHL communications and public relations.

The AHL and OHL have no binding agreements about upholding suspensions, but thus far, AHL president Dave Andrews has kept Boulerice from playing with the Phantoms.

"As far as we're concerned, we've gone through the process and rendered our decision," said Ted Baker, director of OHL operations. "Now it's up to the other leagues to make a decision as they see fit."

"The OHL has done all they can do," said DeBoer. "It's out of their hands now."

DeBoer said both he and Boulerice expected the heavy suspension. "We knew it was going to be substantial," he said. "This stick incident was the most serious I've seen."

DeBoer stopped short of saying the suspension was fair. "I think the OHL is trying to send a message. This is an area of the game that they are trying to clean up," he said. "This incident was serious enough to warrant (the one year suspension)."

Both DeBoer and officials with the Philadelphia Phantoms describe Boulerice as "remorseful" over the situation. "Jesse's going to be very disappointed with the suspension," DeBoer said.

According to Baker, this is the first OHL suspension of this severity in ten years. "I think the last one was Allen Lake back in 1988-89," Baker said. Lake was suspended after kicking an opponent, Baker said.

Baker added that while the suspension to Boulerice was severe, there are two sides to the story. "You have a Plymouth angle, but you also have to look at the human angle," he said. "People can't lose sight of the damage conflicted on Andrew Long both physically and in terms of his career."

Rocks fly past Chiefs, 104-24

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Salem Girl's track team had an enormous victory over Canton in the Mangan Meet last Tuesday. Salem dominated with a win of 104 to 24.

Salem won 13 of the 16 events scheduled for the meet.

The Rocks ruled the field events. Autumn Hicks jumped 5'0" in the high jump. In the long jump, Brynne Deneen jumped 15'2". Tiffany Grubaugh achieved a personal best with her 36'4" in the shot put. Grubaugh also won discus with 113'7".

The 3200 Relay finished with a time of 10:02.87. Anne-Marie Verduyse, Becky Phelan, Evelyn Rahhal, and Ellen Stemmer made up the winning team.

Tiffany Reiber finished the 100 Hurdles with a time of 0:17.34. Michelle Bonior ran the 100 Dash, finishing at 0:13.06.

The 800 Relay team, Hicks, Deneen, Wendi Leanhardt, and Rachel Jones, finished with 1:48.60. The 400 relay team, Leanhardt, Frederick, Jones, and Bonior, finished with a time of 0:51.22.

Hicks dominated the 400 dash with 61.16. Aiesha Chappel finished the 300 hurdles at 49.96.

Alison Flohr ran both the 1600 and 3200 run with times of 5:26.51 and 12:02.42.

The 1600 relay team finished with 4:15.20. The runners were Hicks, Phelan, Deneen, and Shannon Will.

Jones ran the 200 dash with a time of

GIRLS TRACK

26.87 and Rahhal finished the 800 dash with 2:29.99.

"We were a little disappointed with the competition," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "The meet seemed like it wasn't taken very seriously by the other side."

"We dominated the meet, winning 13 of the 16 events. We competed really hard and had excellent performances against Canton," said Salem head coach Mark Gregor.

Saturday, Salem participated in the Troy Athens Relays and received first place among the 20 teams participating.

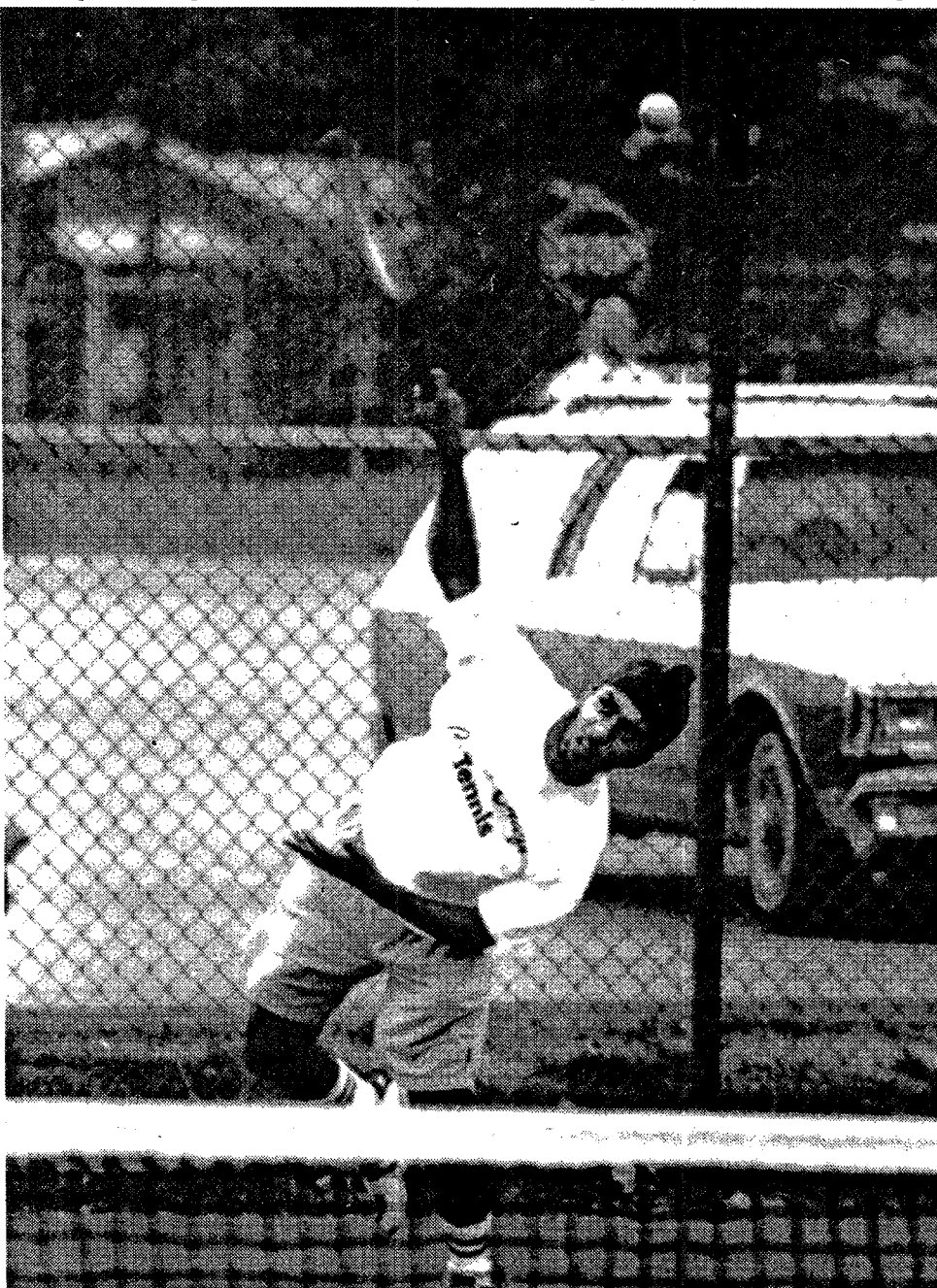
Salem had state qualifying times in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 sprint relays.

Canton held three places in the Mangan meet. Erin Stabb won the 100 Hurdles. Crystal Alderman won the 300 Hurdles with a time of 0:48.9.

Nkechi Okwumabua won the long jump with 17'4" and is definitely one of the top competitors in the state competition.

Canton also participated in the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational. They placed second out of the eight teams present.

"The Ann Arbor meet was fantastic and one of the better won meets," said assistant coach John Venning. "There were six personal bests. The girls ran with a lot of heart."



Right back at ya... Number one singles player Shab Singh delivers another serve Thursday afternoon at Canton. Singh, and the other singles players, have been a large reason for Canton's surge of late. Canton won its final six dual matches, which concluded with a 7-1 victory over Churchill. Heading into next week's conference meet and region playoffs, Canton is looking to ruin the party for favorites North Farmington and Northville. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Another division title on the way

Canton's success is this year's biggest surprise in W.L.A.A.

BY ERICA D'ANGELO and SCOTT GOODWIN

Not one person alone can take the credit for the success of Canton girls softball this year; they have all contributed to achieving the team's goals.

They are ranked first in the Western Lakes Athletic Association's Western Division, and with recent wins over Farmington and Livonia Franklin, there doesn't appear to be any end to their success.

A victory over Walled Lake Western on Friday will give the Chiefs another division title. After starting the year 1-4, Canton has won 19 of their last 23 games.

"We lost 12 seniors from last year's team, and everybody assumed we wouldn't be that good," said Coach Jim Arnold.

"They just keep impressing me," Arnold said. "My first impression of this team was that I would be happy if we played .500 ball, but they've really come together as a team."

They just keep impressing me.
— Jim Arnold
Canton Softball Coach

The Chiefs got their 20th win of the season Monday, dropping Churchill in the bottom of the seventh 4-3.

Tied 3-3, Paula McKernan led off the seventh with a single for the Chiefs. Melissa Brown then reached first on a bunt. The runners had advanced to second and third on a sacrifice fly by Carrie Kobachevich, when Elizabeth Elsner knocked in the winning run on a grounder to the shortstop. McKernan beat the throw home.

Patty Snook got the victory in relief of Gretchen Hudson. Snook went two shutout innings, giving up five hits, and striking out one.

On Saturday, at their annual Canton Classic, the Chiefs faced off with one of the top teams in the state, Lincoln Park. After victories over Ann Arbor Huron (9-3) and Belleville (7-1) earlier in the day, the Chiefs hit the Lincoln Park wall.

Canton ace Gretchen Hudson dropped her first game of the year, going the distance in the 3-0 loss. Canton matched Lincoln Park in hits 6-6, but couldn't produce any runs.

"They're a very tough team," Arnold said. "We just didn't get hits at the right time." Lincoln Park would go on to lose in the championship game versus Tecumseh.

Hudson, a junior, is 11-1 on the year.

"She's pitching real well," Arnold said. "She's one of three really good pitchers on our team."

The others, said Arnold, are senior Patty Snook (5-1) and junior Jenny Fisher (4-6). "Jenny's lost a couple of tough one run games," Arnold said.

Fisher and Hudson each recorded victories during Saturday's tournament. Fisher went five innings against Ann Arbor Huron, allowing three runs and three walks, striking out five.

Hudson pitched a complete game over Belleville in game two. She allowed only two hits and no walks in the 7-1 victory.

Major offensive contributors in the first two games included Melissa Brown, Paula McKernan, and Becky Mize.

Canton 5, Franklin 0 — Gretchen Hudson only allowed two hits and struck out ten Thursday, as the Chiefs edged closer to a division title.

Aside from strong pitching and defense, the Chiefs ruled the field offensively as well. Elsner has one of the longest hits ever recorded at Franklin's field; a 225-foot homerun. It was Elsner's third of the season. She had two other hits along with four RBIs for Canton.

Juniors Melissa Brown and Becky Mize both had two hits each, with Brown getting an RBI.

SOFTBALL

Canton 9, Farmington 3 — Senior Patty Snook pitched for the Chiefs on Wednesday, allowing only five hits, with one earned run. She had one walk, and struck out three.

Canton had single runs in the first and third innings; but it wasn't until the fifth that the Chiefs really applied the pressure.

Junior Carrie Kovachevich and Christina Kiessal each had two-run doubles. Elizabeth Elsner, a junior first baseman, had two hits, including a double. She had three RBI's for Canton.

Unpredictable Salem still has teeth for playoffs

BY ERICA D'ANGELO and SCOTT GOODWIN

Salem softball is a team to be feared. Not particularly because they've dominated this year. At 11-12-1, they are still under .500. But, sometimes, like an unpredictable animal, they can strike hard and fast, leaving other teams wounded and frightened.

Monday is a good example. Salem overpowered Stevenson 13-6, on 13 hits. Nearly the entire lineup contributed to the lashing. No less than eight players had at least one hit, including Stephanie Volpe who was 4-5 with 1 RBI.

Amanda Sutton again went the distance for the Rocks, allowing eight hits, six walks, and striking out two.

"I think they saw what they needed to do after the weekend," said Coach Bonnie Southerland.

Southerland was referring to a pair of tough losses at Saturday's Canton Classic. After dropping Stevenson 1-0, Salem loss to the eventual tournament champion, state-ranked Tecumseh, 8-2, and were then mercied by Trenton, 13-1.

"I thought we played well against Tecumseh," said Southerland. "Trenton was a letdown."

Southerland said she still feels the Rocks have "a good shot" in both the conference and district tournaments starting next week. "The team is starting to gel," she said. "We would like a shot at the championship."

Salem 12, Glenn 11 — Salem captured a much-needed victory over Westland John Glenn Thursday, coming behind from an 11-7 deficit to emerge with the 12-11 victory. The win was primarily due to Salem's strong offense.

Salem was leading the game 6-2 in the fourth inning; when Glenn was able to produce five more runs. In the fifth, they scored four more. In the bottom of the fifth, Salem closed the gap to 11-8 with a run. In the sixth, they were able to tie it up with three more runs.

The first run came in off of Dawn Allen's sacrifice fly. The second from a wild pitch, and the third on a single from Katie Kelly.

The game winning run came in the bottom of the eighth by Heather Sonntag from a base hit by senior Becky Esper. Sonntag had her own two hits as well in the game.

Other big hits came from Allen in the third inning; it brought in three of the inning's six runs. She ended up with four RBIs. Kelly had three hits and one RBI, along with Karen Prosyk. Senior Stephanie Volpe had a hit and an RBI.

Amanda Sutton came in to pitch for Shannon Coultas who started, but was relieved after surrendering ten runs, of which seven were earned. She went 4 innings before Sutton came in for the last three; she gave up one run.

Salem 6, Walled Lake Western 3 — Sutton pitched all seven innings this game and did not permit one earned run. She permitted seven hits and let two walks. She had two strikeouts.

Volpe had three hits, including a double, with two RBIs. Esper had two hits and three RBIs. Coultas had one hit and RBI, and Allen also had one hit.

On deck

SALEM BASEBALL

Today at Northville at 4 p.m. Friday at home versus North Farmington at 4 p.m. Saturday, a doubleheader, at Grosse Point South at 2 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Friday and Saturday, regionals.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

Friday, regionals begin at Redford Union at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, the conference meet at home at 2:45 p.m.

SALEM SOFTBALL

Today at home versus Northville at 4 p.m. Friday at North Farmington at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Today, conference playoffs, 3rd place thru 12th place. Thursday, conference finals at 7 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

Friday, regional at Redford Union at 2:30 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS GOLF

Friday, regional at Brighton. Tuesday, conference tournament at Hudson Mills at 9 a.m.

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Community opinions



Frankly, it's political

Beware weiners in Wayne County

A funny thing happened at Canton's Municipal Information expo last weekend.

It was an open house of sorts, with representatives from each of Canton's departments providing information to the public. Heavy vehicles were on display from the Municipal Services and Engineering departments. The Canton Police bike patrol was on hand as were the Explorers and members of the SWAT Team.

I even met Bas (pronounced boss), one of Canton's K-9 officers. Okay maybe met is the wrong verb. I peered into officer Todd Koch's Jeep Cherokee and leaped backward about three feet as Bas gave me a warning bark. He was a very effective communicator (although later, with Koch at his side and a tennis ball to gnaw on, Bas was very approachable).

The public was encouraged to attend the expo and ask questions of public officials, who all gave up part of their Saturday. And, like at many public events, it seemed like a good idea to serve some food.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack along with Canton resident and Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson were going to grill up and serve hot dogs.

That's when the hot dog police came in.

A Wayne County health inspector called the supervisor's office the Friday before the event. It seems Canton hadn't filed for a temporary food license for the 100 or so frankfurters they expected to cook.

Because of the potentially hazardous nature of hot dogs, a health department official told me, a permit was required before they could be served to the public. Pre-wrapped foods are an exception, but hot dogs, which require handling to cook and serve, are not. They must be refrigerated at less than 45 degrees and after cooked, maintained at at least 140 degrees.

Now there are many reasons why I had considered hot dogs a potentially hazardous food. But none of them had to do with hot dogs being protein-based. I'm not even sure that's true. I'd always considered hot dogs and protein to be distant cousins, if that.

Regardless, no matter how many people are served, a license was required. The official said that one person was the same as 1,000.

Although Canton had no problem with



Off the cuff By Scott Spielman

being required to get a permit, and there was still (barely) enough time to apply for one before the next day, they decided to scrap the hot dog idea.

They instead ordered pizza from a nearby pizzeria. It was a big hit with the 80-100 residents who attended the expo. The pizza was devoured in less than 20 minutes, and the problem seemed solved.

Until Wednesday.

The health inspector called back, after hearing about Canton serving pizza. He was apparently offended that the township would serve pizza after being notified that they needed a permit to cook hot dogs. It didn't matter that the pizza came from a regularly inspected kitchen, or that it was already cooked when delivered.

It makes you wonder: is our health such a tenuous thing that all these

precautions are necessary? Or does the Health Department have so little confidence in what they do that food becomes suspect after leaving the semi-controlled kitchen environment? I've been to many pizza parties and cookouts, eaten hours-old party subs and survived without suffering much more than indigestion.

Or maybe it's just a subtle way to harass Patterson, who is currently campaigning for State Representative.

It seems silly to worry about small gatherings such as Canton's when there are other restaurants out there to harass. It just goes to show that, at your next picnic or company function, the sirens you hear in the distance aren't necessarily those of an ambulance or a fire truck.

They might belong to the hot dog police.

Whaddya think?

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Community opinions

Bigger isn't better at CEP

EDITOR:

In response to the Plymouth-Canton high school teachers' push to have the third high school built close to the existing two, I must express my outrage that this even be considered.

I've found that educators in other communities have a low opinion of the campus, and most parents I speak with in Plymouth-Canton believe the whole educational park was a huge mistake.

Should we therefore exacerbate the problem by enlarging such a monstrous facility which only works against the well-being of the lives and educational goal of our children?

There are many, many people who are so concerned about this issue. Can you answer these questions for us:

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— Cathy Shumaker

- How many 8th-grade students need to see CEP students smoking dope on their visit to their future high school (mine did)?

- How many more parents will move out of Plymouth-

Canton to avoid this high school? (I have friends who have and others who will if the teachers have their way.)

- How do other communities (less affluent, by the way) manage two or more free-standing high schools?

- What happened to the democratic process with the community passing the bond issue for a new high school on property away from the park?

- Finally, do we really need all the electives offered? Ask yourselves if these extra offerings are worth it if your child is one of the 20 per cent of CEP students at risk of dropping out or dropping in on the drug culture?

Please think again, parents and educators. Let's work to solve our problems stemming from the first time we believed bigger was better.

CATHY SHUMAKER

Readers Rate tells us about you, too

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

The best? The worst? A, B, E? This was the second year in a row I have been responsible for entering results for The Crier's Readers Rate survey results. Unfolding each response I get a voyeur's view, peeking into the minds of each reader. I take great honor in my task and in entering what our readers think about services and issues all over The P-C-N Community.

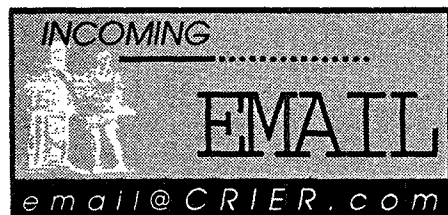
Responses ranged from predictable to outrageous in nature. The survey is a great opportunity to get what ever is bothering you off your chest.

'I stay informed'

EDITOR:

I am a subscriber to your newspaper and truly enjoy news from home.

I look forward to delivery of The Crier each week.



I particularly enjoy reading about the Plymouth Whalers, high school sports and the notices of volunteer activities.

My subscription helps me feel like I've never left home because I stay informed on what is going on.

Please add my city to your list of hometowns.

ROBERT YANEZ
Verdugo City, CA

One anonymous reader had this to say: "Plymouth sucks and is not what it used to be. Its gone to Hell in a hand basket," and followed by ranking everything in the survey an 'E'. (If they had included their name on the form they would have been eligible to win dinner for two. Maybe they'd cheer up a bit.)

Other surprises included the number of residents who rated the nativity scene in Kellogg park an 'A', and those who voted Janet Armstrong to a tie for best waitperson—she hasn't served a table in months.

Then there are the "stuff the ballot box" responses. (You know who you are!) It offends me that people think that we won't recognize the exact same handwriting and answers on six different entries.

The schools and the controversial bond issue are still on readers' minds. Schools were voted the issue most under-covered in The Crier; at the same time, you told us we were giving too much coverage to the school bond revote and Jerry Vorva.

One reader wrote that "taxes are too high for schools. Older people don't use schools, why should we pay and pay?" Since the quality of schools in an area effect property values, this reader would do well to support the schools and keep his nest egg intact.

Speaking the schools, Superintendent Little probably wishes we hadn't run the Readers Rate. He got the lowest grade of all public officials.

I sway toward agreeing with readers on responses to the Ice Fest. One wrote "I wish the Ice Sculpture Spectacular was less commercial and more art. Why carve a beer, cereal or pop items? We get the idea that they were funded by the sign. Not the ice."

Another commented that "it continues to feel like the City is being held hostage when the Ice Fest comes to town. It does nothing to showcase the community. It feels like town is rented away for a week—or worse yet—exploited."

The Crier sticks its neck out by asking readers to grade us. Some responses shocked: "I can't stand any coverage of Canton. Can't you print a paper of only Plymouth, please? No need to cover Northville. I'd like to read more of Plymouth. Just concentrate on Plymouth. You spread yourself too thin trying to do Canton."

Others were less suprising. Another reader took offense to our Curiosities: "When I read

15 minutes

By Linda Kochanek



my newspaper I don't want to hear about someone with hairy armpits." Those who oppose the curios should know there are many who do enjoy them. Geneva Guenther has almost a cult following who read her notes to Martha Davis each week. (True, Geneva seldom writes about armpits.) Maybe the un-Curious simply feel left out. They're invited to send in Curiosities of their own.

It's nice to know 86 per cent of those who answered the survey feel safe in P-C-N, and that they rate our cultural organizations very highly. According to one reader: "The Plymouth Community Band does a wonderful job at the concerts in the park. Such a wonderful family evening of entertainment!"

Safety, schools, taxes—whatever your concern may be—the Readers Rate tells all. Unhappy with the results? Make sure to cast your vote next year. (In the meantime, write a Letter to the Editor.)

Proud Plymouth puts up McClures

EDITOR:

This past weekend we had the pleasure of staying Saturday evening at the Quality Inn in Plymouth and enjoying a wonderful dinner at the Water Club Grill. This whole weekend was complimentary to make up for the service we received while staying at the Mayflower.

We cannot express our gratitude with the warm welcome we received and the excellent service at both places. We were also pleasantly surprised to receive a call from 932 Penniman Bed & Breakfast inviting us to Plymouth; it sounds like a

lovely establishment, which we plan to visit soon. Everyone's concern was so overwhelming that we have raved about Plymouth to all our friends and family.

As we mentioned before, our schedule is so hectic that these types of quick visits mean so much to us. We were not able to visit the shops in downtown Plymouth, which we love to do when we visit, but since we did not arrive until 5:30 p.m. we found the shops were closed. We were disappointed, but maybe on our next visit.

Thank you Quality Inn, Water Club

Grill, 932 Penniman B & B and everyone that expressed their concern. You can certainly tell everyone is very proud of the community; it definitely showed this past weekend. This is how we remember Plymouth from our visits in the past and we will be back.

Thank you Plymouth.

BRUCE AND JUDY McCLURE

P.S. The Mayflower did acknowledge our letter with a message left on our answering machine stating they would credit us for the room, and that they had learned from our experience.



Community opinions

'Graduation' gifts to The City

A tribute to faces, places and events in Plymouth as residents move on

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was written as an open letter to Downtown Plymouth.

When kids graduate from high school it used to be tradition to recognize special people in your life through senior wills. People would "give" things they owned or intangible things to people to show their appreciation and affection. These wills would be published (usually) in the school newspaper for all to peruse and reminisce with.

During our stay in downtown Plymouth, we've felt more than tenants and really need to give something back to those that have made our stay more than memorable. The will format seems fitting since we are passing into a new stage of our lives - graduating in a form.

us how truly chaotic the world is, no matter how much we try to bring order to it, we would be lonely. The village of pigeons, the chipper sparrows, the proud and noisy crows, the occasional seagull, the seasonal passing of geese and duck calls, the faint skunk smell in the night, the ever-present, squirrels—thank you. Urban companions we give to you the treasures in our undefrosted freezer. They will be a surprise to us all!

To the several folks we've known at Metro Mart, even before it was Metro Mart, Mike, Dhajheet (forgive spelling), Sharon, Deep—thanks for your friendliness, concern and supplies. You will be missed. We leave you a bag of pretzels (thanks for sharing with Liam) and a winning lottery ticket.

burgers; China Moon for good curries and family entertainment. The deli for emergency lunches, juices, bagels. To the Sidestreet and their 1994 St. Pattie's Day celebration; to the Box for helping us entertain; Coffee Bean for the jumpstarts. The Post Office staff for putting up with our tests of the system, and for finding our mailbox on Fleet Street. Sandy's Hair Salon on Forest (forgive me if I've mangled the name) for cutting my hair with Liam on my lap.

For Susan at Naturally for believing in us, and the hours of aromatherapy. The Mayflower for housing our wedding guests. The library for being there, even under construction. To Annette and Linda at Native West for giving Rob some ads in the beginning and being such lovely people. To Larry at Gabriela's and John at Pete's Shoe Repair for being so friendly on Fleet Street. For Maggie and Me-my delicious dress-Memory Lane for providing the jacket to match. To Penniman Gallery and Gabriela's giving us ample selection from which to buy presents for folks, and Scott for being a doting "uncle." Repeat the Beat for the selection, even though the service wasn't there. To Wiltse's for helping us through the off days. The Penn Theatre for bringing us together.

To the women at the Chamber for waving in the parking lot. To Tanya at RSVP for being another mom to connect with and for providing great cards, too. To John at Trader Jack's for Rob's needs. To Sideways and Sharon and Dave for building the loft so that we had other downtown neighbors to wave to. To Erica, Steve and Jennifer at Heidi's for the beautiful bouquets, balloons and attention you gave us. To the women at House of Fudge for the temptations. To Frank and Cliff at Francis Jewelers who decorated our hands with their artistry. To the guys at Steve Petix who helped with style issues.

The tellers at Community Federal and Cindy for making things run smoothly. To Fred at Plymouth Guitar who seems the perfect gentleman, best wishes. The Farmer's Markets and the festivals that happened in and around our place, what fun it all was. To the many businesses that have come and gone, and to the neighbors that have done the same...thanks for the memories and thanks for leaving the building standing (respectively). To the trees in the park for bringing us shelter and witness during the wedding.

To this upstanding group we give a fresh summer breeze and clear skies.

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The Kirkbride clan, even little Liam, found time to stop and smell the flowers in Plymouth.

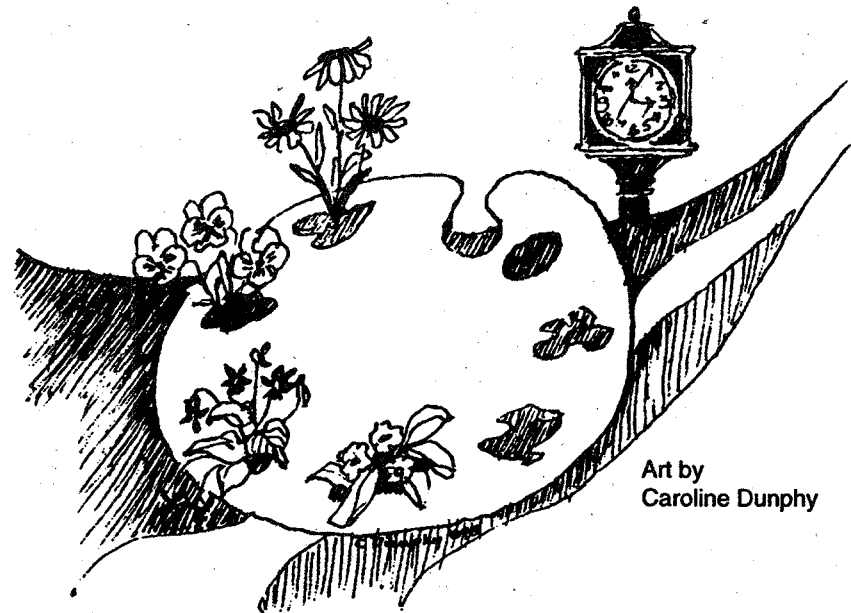
First, to the "bees" that traveled Fleet Street, Penniman Avenue and Main Street: the motorcyclists, cruisers, bagel and Snapple delivery trucks, the UPS/Gabriela's semi, the office supply guy, the street cleaner, the DPW guys who strung things in trees and mowed and blowed things, the Frameworks van/vehicles, the packs of teens flitting and congregating from corner to corner, the children and pets, bikers, bladers and skaters that happened by or under our window—thank you for the symphony. We give to you our old silver boombox so that your postmodern notes can be broadcast to all.

To the wildlife of the downtown area: the many insects—the huge "alien" bees that shared our deck, the otherworldly "singing" swallows that came with summer, the occasional firefly, the parade of flies, the variety of spiders, the tiny ant family that visited every spring, the amazing praying mantis that came to visit one day, and the terribly frightening paper beetles that now are new urban myths—thank you. Without insects to keep us in line and remind

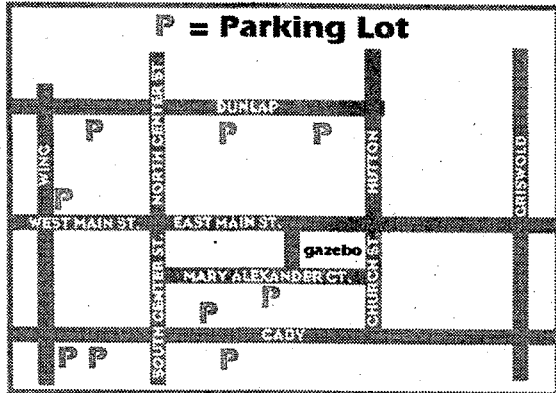
To the friendly staff of Little Professor and the employees who remembered Liam's name, even though we always forgot hers. The women at the Plymouth Office Supply and the cute bulldog—thanks for ordering our special pens. Kemnitz candies and Hands on Leather for the fans; Harvest Moon thanks for good grub; Uncle Frank's for the nuclear chili and delicious tempeh

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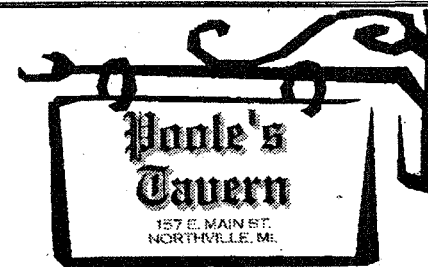
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