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# P-C enrollment up 600 from '97

Schools take steps to handle growth; bond supporter says numbers won't help campaign

#### BY BRYON MARTIN

District administrators may have run themselves breathless preparing for the hundreds of new students they say began school in Plymouth-Canton yesterday, but like the saying goes, no pain, no gain.

The reported 400-student spike in enrollment may be just what supporters need to bulk-up taxpayer approval of their bond to build a new middle school and replenish the bus fleet.

Up 400...

According to Ginnie Murdoch, a 28-year

# Crash kills City man

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 24-year-old Plymouth man was killed when he lost control of his car Saturday morning, according to Canton police

Reports said Jayson McDonald was driving his black 1998 Pontiac Grand Am westbound on Warren Road west of Lotz Road at about 2 a.m. when he lost control

The car slid on its side over a road sign and into a ditch before flipping over and

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district employe who now supervises student counts and enrollments, this summer is ending with a student rush to P-C schools: 16,374 today compared to 15,746 at this time last year, an increase of 628.

Currently that's an 18-year high, she said, although a final count won't happen until Sept. 24. That's when the Plymouth-Canton will know how many students have moved to other districts

"As requests for records come in, we'll see actual numbers," Murdoch said. By that time the total is likely to be between 400 and 500, she said. Nonetheless, more students are now enrolled at all school levels:

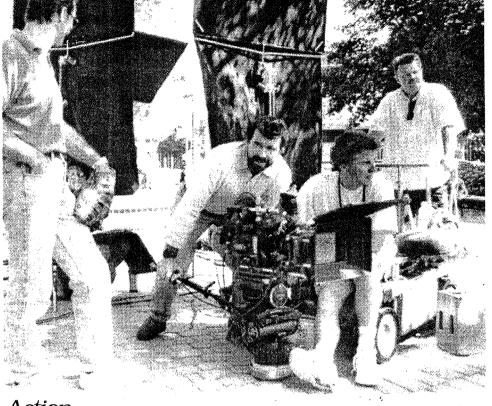
- CEP total: up 177.
- Middle school total: up 133.
- Elementary school total: up 318.
- Officials say effects are being felt district-

Kindergarten classes at Field, Farrand and Fiegel have been closed. Students in those attendance areas are being sent to other schools, Murdoch said, and the classes at Bird and Smith may be next.

According to Superintendent Charles Little, music and art rooms are filling too as they're converted into classrooms to accommodate new students.

And last Tuesday the School Board hired a number of new teachers double that they expected last spring — up to 30 from 15 while planning the budget.

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Action... it was all over Kellogg Park Monday as Strader Productions shot eight Toyota commercials in Plymouth. For the whole story, see the the Fall Fest edition of The Crier June 9. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

## **Historical Society turns 50**

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

A quick history lesson:

In the spring of 1948, World War II had just ended. Harry Truman was President. And the fast-food restaurant population along the Ford Road corridor in Canton was still 12 shy of a dozen.

It was around this time that a group of Plymouthites decided to begin a historical society. Their first meeting was held that spring at Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School).

Nine people showed up.

Today, 50 years later, the society's membership has swelled to more than 600, and with the recent acquisition of the Petz

Lincoln Collection, the museum has gained national recognition.

On Thursday, Sept. 10, the Plymouth Historical Society will celebrate its silver anniversary. The evening will begin at 6:30 with a tour of the old Ebenezer Penniman house, built in 1842, which now serves as the rectory for Our Lady of Good Council.

Festivities will include lemonade on the lawn, Civil War re-enactors and a concert by The Dodworth Saxhorn Band.

Museum Director Beth Stewart said the band uses authentic 19th Century instruments, period clothing and will play mostly Civil War-era tunes.

The public is invited to attend.

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Plymouth man tours Iceland to raise money for Kiwanis See Sports, pg. 20 ななになる もんもう かいずけ しょうはず もば しもり

# Canton cops continue crackdown

#### As the school year begins, decoy operations net 4 citations for tobacco, liquor sales to minors

#### BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton police are continuing to send a message to area stores and gas stations: sell tobacco or alcohol to a minor, and you will be caught.

Friday, the department conducted another round of decoy operations — in which a Canton police explorer teams up with a plain clothes officer to determine if certain stores were committing any alcohol or tobacco violations, according to Ofc. Leonard Schemanske.

Ofc. Mike Steckel, the department's youth liaison office, said the operations work like this: an underage Canton Police explorer — a volunteer, junior police officer — enters a store or gas station and attempts to buy tobacco products or alcohol. A plain-clothed officer waits nearby to observe the

transaction. If the store employe sells to the decoy, the officer cites the store after the explorer leaves, Steckel said.

**6** We just go down the list. It's usually party stores or gas stations that sell tobacco.

- Ofc. Mike Steckel Canton Police

The department conducts one operation a month, targeting about 10 random businesses that sell alcohol or tobacco.

"We have a project sheet and we just go down the list," Steckel said. "It's usually party stores or gas stations that sell tobacco."

Among the businesses targeted last week were: Bob's of Canton; Lucille's; Good Foods; Richardson's Pharmacy; Møbile Lounge; Cleats Bar and Grill; Club Canton; and the Amoco and Clark Gas stations on Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road.

Only four tickets were issued, Schemanske said: Lucille's was ticketed for furnishing alcohol to a minor, while Richardson's, the Amoco and the Clark stations were cited for selling tobacco to a minor.

The program started this May with Canton's Project Graduation, a project designed to curb underage drinking and smoking around graduation time.

Steckel said if a business is caught once,

Canton police will recheck the establishment randomly.

"Just because you have a clean one doesn't mean we won't come back," Steckel said.

#### Addenda & errata

A story in last week's Crier incorrectly listed Esther Hulsing as a member of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Eduction Committee.

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Ceramistas Amanda Guzman and Paula Rodriguez show their earthen wares and skills to Old Village potters Donna Williams, Paula Fulkeroch, Rachail Laine, Eileen Hewette and Jackie Fegan. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

# Potters say 'viva gorditas'

#### Village Potters Guild hosts Nicaraguan masters through Potters for Peace

BY BRYON MARTIN

Fifteen fortunate Plymouth potters had a rare opportunity Sunday and Monday: a chance to learn the art of making gorditas from Central American masters.

No, not that ridiculous chihuahua hawking tacos for the bell.

"Gordita" is Spanish for "fat woman," and round little women is what Amanda Guzman crafts from clay; ceramic sculptures of the women around her Nicaraguan village.

Guzman was in Plymouth with Paula Rodriguez this week while on a tour of the Midwest through the auspices of Potters for Peace.

Potters for Peace was founded in 1986 and went to Nicaragua, then torn by the war between Contra rebels and the Sandinista government. With simple directions on how to organize their work and take their pottery to market, Potters for Peace has helped lead Nicaraguan ceramatistas from Managua's roadside to notoriety throughout Central and South America.

Plymouth resident Kris Darby is a member of the group and organized this trip to the United States for the pair of Nicaraguan potters.

Guzman and Rodriguez taught a class of 15 on the techniques of throwing clay and working without a potters wheel to make black pottery, so known for its shiny black surface.

In Central and South America their work is widely known and the pair are considered among the best-known ceramatistas, according to Darby. Their success is due not only to creative impulse and deft hands, Darby said, but to the efforts of Potters for Peace. She knows because she saw the benefits first-

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## Canton dancers clear the floor

#### Masters of Dance earn their name with platinum honors at tourney

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

For many young people, Orlando, FL can be something of a wonderland. With Disneyworld, Universal Studios and Epcot Center, it is a place where, according to the commercials, dreams become a reality.

For one dance company in Canton that ad line really paid off. Masters of Dance Arts studio, located off Canton Center Road, recently attended the Dance Educators of America 1998 National Tournament. The tournament is the biggest the group attends all year, and is the ultimate summation of a year's hard work and practice.

This year, Masters took 50 of its best dancers down to the week-long competition. They competed against the best in the nation in various categories and age groups. When it was all over, Masters dance studio was one of the most celebrated of the event, with every dancer attending bringing home top prizes.

This is how it works:

The dancers compete either in teams, as individuals or in large choreographed groups. They are each given scores by a panel of judges. A score of 80 out of 100 is good, like school, about a B-minus. A score between 90-97 receives "gold" recognition, nearly the highest honor given.

An elite few receive scores at 98 or above. These are called "platinum" numbers, the very best the judges can give: nearly

perfect.

When the Masters' dancers returned home after the tournament, each had received platinum distinction, either as team members or individuals.

"I was almost feeling bad for the other studios," said Mary Helen Stewart, Masters of Dance owner and choreographer. "I can't begin to tell you how excited everybody was, how much appreciation everybody was giving us."

At last year's national tournament in Las Vegas, Masters' teams all received gold scores, still better than most teams.

"This year we were just hoping to improve our gold scores," Stewart said. "We really didn't expect to all jump to platinum."

In addition to receiving high scores, several of the teams also took top places in their respective divisions. The "Supercal" group took top honors in the petite division, ages 6-9. They also competed in the platinum competition, pitting the tournament's top scores across all age groups against one another. Even though they were competing against teams with dancers twice their age, "Supercal" took fourth place out of nearly 100 groups.

Other teams to place well included "Hercules" in the junior division, "Control" in the pre-teen division and the "Guys and Dolls" production, which earned Stewart a \$1,000 top-honor prize for choreography.

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## Agenda

#### THIS WEEK

- Tomorrow, The City of Plymouth's Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall.
- All this week, Canton's Summit on the Park is closed for annual maintenance. Call 734-397-5110.
- All this week, "Familiar Faces", an exhibit of Plymouth photographer Jill Andra Young's portraiture, will run at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 744 N. Sheldon Rd. The series of black-and-white photographs depicts Plymouth personalities in illustrations of their professions. Call 734-455-7787.

#### NEXT WEEK

- Monday, Plymouth's City Commission meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall.
- Tuesday, Canton's Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.
- Thursday, celebration of the Plymouth Historical Museum's 50th anniversary begins with a parade. Route that starts in Kellogg Park at 6:30 p.m., and includes the Dodworth Civil War Band.
- Friday, Plymouth's 43rd annual Fall Festival begins at noon in downtown Plymouth.

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# Holiday Inn coming

## begin next month at Ford-Lotz

**BIT: BY SCOTT SPIELMAN** 

A new wave of development is coming into Canton hotels and motels.

The first in line is Holiday Inn Express, which will be located at the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Lotz Road.

The 84-room hotel received site plan approval from the Board of Trustees Tuesday, and could break ground as early as October, according to Eric Salswedel, project sponsor.

"From a pure business standpoint you want to get things done as quickly as possible," Salswedel said. "It's up to the owner when he wants to start working on the project. We could be working on in within the next two months, or he could decided to wait until the

The Holiday Inn Express will include 17 suites, a west of Lotz. We'll see what shakes out."

Work on express hotel could large conference room and and a large dining area for a continental breakfast, Salswedel said. The development also includes paving Lotz to the south property line.

The new hotel is just one of several in the planning stages according to Community Planner Jeff Goulet.

We haven't had any hotel or motels developments in a long time," Goulet said.

Goulet said hotels are also planned near the Holiday Inn site, including a revamping of the Willow Acres Motel. That project, which received special land use approval earlier this year, has not been submitted in site plan form yet, Goulet said.

Another hotel is also planned for south of the Holiday Inn along Lotz road, but Goulet said he wasn't sure of what type of hotel is planned for the site.

Another place that will probably see more hotel development is along Ford Road and I-275, Goulet said.

"There is a site south of the Red Oak Steak House that could be used for a hotel," he said. "I also expect to see some development Fords and I-275, both east and



Reunited... Seymore Orr and Jennette Schryer embrace Thursday at the Old Timer's Picnic at Plymouth Township Park. About 85 were on hand for the annual event planned by Howdy Schryer. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

## Wanted: director for Canton's DDA

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

If Steve Guile doesn't want to go all the way to Westland to be the new DDA director, he could just move his office to Canton.

The Canton DDA is looking to hire a community development to oversee projects along the Ford Road corridor.

According to Canton Supervisor and DDA

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Board member Tom Yack, the director's time would be split between DDA projects and general community development duties.

"It could start out as a 50-50 proposition, and we could evaluate how much time they spend in the DDA and the rest of the community," Yack said.

The idea was first discussed at the DDA

Board meeting last month. Many communities, such as Plymouth, have a full-time DDA director who works within the downtown area to promote business and events.

Canton's DDA is different, however. It works with Angela Wolosiewicz, Canton planner and planning services rather than with a development director, Yack said.

A community development director would have a slightly different task than a typical DDA director, Yack said.

"A lot of DDA directors focus on downtown events and selling downtown. We don't have a lot events downtown," Yack said. "This person would be more focused on working with individuals within the DDA to improve the look of buildings and oversee construction projects."

Developing Canton's downtown presents special challenges, some of which Guile said he would face in Westland: "They're similar in that the downtown is not clearly defined."

The director would work closely with the planning department with upcoming projects, and be involved in the development of the I-275-Lotz Road corridor, Yack said.But in Canton the concentration of businesses is different. They are clustered together in strip centers with major retailers.'

Working on developing a more tangible identity would only be part of the community director's responsibilities. Yack also said the director would work towards retaining current businesses and attracting new ones.

"Typically this is done by developers," Yack said. "They'll construct a shopping center and hire a broker to examine the community and any gaps in services and try to attract clients to fill those gaps.'

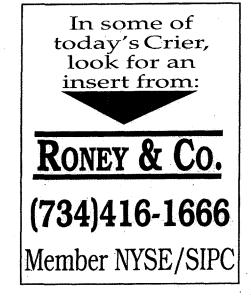
Yack said he would be meeting with the personnel department this month to finalize the position's duties, how they would be split and where the salary would be paid from.

The salary, which could start at about \$50,000, including benefits, would likely be paid partially through the DDA and partially through the township, according to Yack.

"A lot depends on what you want them to do," Yack said.

Other DDA members thought hiring a director was a good idea.

"There's a lack of interest and cooperation between some property owners within the DDA," said Board member Greg Greene. "They may need a person they see often and talk to often to raise their interest in the DDA."



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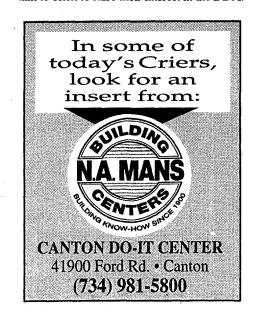
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## Dancers performed for **Disney at Epcot Center**

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Disney asked the dancers to perform their 3.5 minute "Guys and Dolls" routine at Epcot Center during the week.

"Everybody just raved about that number," Stewart said.

ticed as much as six times per week, the Orlando experience was more than just winning and scoring well. It was about meeting fellow dancers and learning new tricks.

"I remember the workshops

most," said Amanda Johnson, 13, who dances with the "Control" group. "I got a lot out of that.'

For nine-year-old Tracey Halaberda, "swimming and practicing on the days off," was the most memorable.

Each day was packed for the young dancers. Up before dawn nearly everyday, they usually didn't stop practicing and competing until after 10 p.m.

"It was a very difficult level of dance,"

said Taryn Myers, 16, student assistant to the "Control" dance group. "If we weren't competing, we were practicing. We were always busy because we were asked to do so many extra things.'

Currently, the dancers are beginning their conditioning for next season's string For many of the dancers, who prac- of tournaments that begin in March.

> Masters Dance top dancers, including many of this year's platinum-winning groups, will perform at the Fall

- Mary Helen Stewart Fest this year during the Saturday Masters of Dance events. Since Masters of Dance studio opened 22 years ago, Stewart has seen dozens of her students go on to achieve in the dancing field. Some have gone on to national productions, Broadway, even

> their own. They were just so dedicated," Stewart said. "They worked so hard and

open their own studios. But this year's

crop of winners may stand in a league of



Performers from the Masters of Dance studio in Canton recently performed at Epcot Center in Orlando, FL as part of the Dance Educators of America National Competition. Pictured here are (standing from left) Amanda Johnson, Courtney Arcenal, Taryn Myers, (front) Brittany Sutton, Kelsey Baker and Tracey Halaberda. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin.)

## Speed a factor in crash

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shearing a telephone pole in half, reports

There were no witnesses, according to Ofc. Leonard Schemanske.

"Someone drove by and called it in on their cell phone, but they didn't stop and they didn't witness the accident," he said.

Schemanske said he didn't think the car had been there long because its headlights were still on when Canton police arrived at the scene.

The victim was pinned inside his car and still wearing his seat belt, according to Schemanske. He was unresponsive when police arrived, and Canton Fire Department pronounced him dead at the scene.

McDonald was a 1992 Salem graduate

three classes away from a degree in computer information management systems from Wayne State University. He also attended the University of Michigan Dearborn, and was a member of Sigma Pi Epsilon fraternity, according to his mother, Patricia.

"He was a fabulous, hardworking child who lived a much too short 24 years," she

Schemanske said the accident has been turned over to the accident investigation

"We don't know if alcohol or drugs were involved, but it's definite that a high rate of speed is a factor in the crash," he said.

'We'll know more in a week," he said. "The accident team has a computer program they run which takes in distance and other factors and estimates the car's speed."

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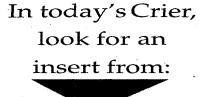
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# Friends & neighbors

#### Neighbors in the news

Mike Flanagan of Plymouth has been appointed to the Reading Plan for Michigan Advisory Council, wheih will provide recommendations to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to guide the work of the Department of Education in the development of materials and programs related to the Reading Plan of Michigan.

Flanagan is superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency.

The following students from Canton were among the May graduates at Central Michigan University: Timothy Davis, Ardell Early, Michael Hansen, Jennifer Hendrick, Tracy Huth Amy Madsen, Kimberly Martinez, Jennifer Miller, Kimberly Mroczka, and Bonnie Tobias; from Northville: carly bohrer, Jennifer Chalifour, Joseph Delcampo, Jason Petri, and Michael Prough; and from Plymouth: Nancy Franke, Sara Miller and Eugenia Zavradinos.

The following students from Canton were named to the Honor's List at Central Michigan University: Heather Aquino, Donald Barduca, Jennifer Bolton, Jennifer Carter, Amy Cervantes, Tonya Drain, Margaret Gross, Jennifer Hendrick, Tracy Huth, Keri Jastrzebski, Nicholas Kanaan, Lynn MacLeod, Dana Reiman, and Melissa Shopp; from Northville: Shannon Colligan, Joseph Hammond, Neil Harrington, Michelle MacKinder, Michael Prough, and Amy Schroder; and from Plymouth: Ian Packer, Kelli Perkins, and Margaret Tibaldi.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian M. Paul, a 1995 graduate of Canton High School, recently participated in Exercise Rim of the Pacific.

Paul was one of more than 2,500 sailors, mariones, airmen soldiers and coast guardsmen from across the pacific to participate in the month-long exercise conducted near Hawaii.

Dawn Speckman and Tracey Yurko of Plymouth have earned a certificate of achievement from the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business (OMNIBUS) program.



Joyce and Mick Herter of Plymouth have yet to try out their new boat, tentatively titled 'The Lucky Dog.' The couple won the 22foot cruiser at the annual boat show earlier this year at Cobo Hall.

# \$1 ticket makes Lucky Dog

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When Mick and Joyce Herter returned home from vacation last month, they had a number of messages on their answering

Some were from friends or family members, but two were from the Lions Club, claiming that they had won a prize from a raffle they had entered in

When Mick returned the call, he was saw the Lions Club exhibit."

surprised to find that he the grand-prize winner, and the new owner of 215 Express Cruiser, a 22.5 foot boat that comes complete with sleeping quarters for two, a sink and a head.

"We had taken my grandson, Michael out of school and went down to the boat show in February." Mick said. "We were there for about four or five hours and we were on our way out the door, when we

One of the major charities the Lions works with is Leader Dogs for the Blind. When Michael said he wanted to go over and pet the seeing eye dog Mick decided to buy a \$1 raffle ticket.

It was the best dollar he ever spent, he

"I'll probably call it the Lucky Dog," Mick said. "If it hadn't been for the seeing eye dog, I wouldn't have stopped and bought that ticket."

## Mothers group starts up next week

#### Meet Other Mothers provides a social evening, speakers and babysitters

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

For anyone who's wanted to get out of the house and not have to worry about the hassles of finding a babysitter, Meet Other Mothers is for you.

The group is designed to provide a social outlet for mothers, according to organizer Melissa Amin.

"We meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Fridays," Amin said. "It's a chance for moms to get out and meet other

A typical meeting starts at 9:30 at the First Presbyterian Church on Church Street in downtown Plymouth. The first half an hour is set aside for snacks and socializing, and then a speaker will give a talk at 10 p.m., Amin

said. The talks are generally on topics of schedules, she said. interest to mothers and last about an hour,

The group also provides babysitting during the meetings. In addition to the meeting room at the church, there are three rooms for the children, and six sitters to watch over the children, Amin said.

"For a lot of women, this is the first time they leave their babies," Amin said. Sitters are generally older women, whose own children have grown up, she said.

The group also has a Mom's night out once a month, where they go out to eat. They pick a different restaurant each month, and rotate the night out to different days of the week to accommodate all the members'

The group is for mothers regardless of the age of their children, Amin said.

"As their kids get older and start school it's harder to find free time because of all the school activities," she said.

There is a one-time fee of \$18, a meeting fee of \$3 and a \$2 per child (\$4 maximum) sitting fee, Amin said. The funds go to renting the rooms at the church and paying for the speakers, she said.

The first meeting will be Sept. 11, and will allow old members to get reacquainted and new members to see what the group is like, Amin said. "It's a good way to keep

For more information call 207-9715.

#### **Canton planners:**

# Office Max OKd at **Ford-Morton Taylor**

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Office Max is moving in, and the trees are moving out.

Or some of them, anyway.

The office supply store proposed for the southeast corner of Ford and Morton Taylor roads received site plan approval Tuesday.

"It was a difficult site to develop," said Vince Pangle, whose companies Auragen Development and Strategic Properties Inc., own the nine-acre site.

What made the development of the site so difficult was the presence of wetlands throughout much of it, Pangle said. Those wetlands, which separated nearby subdivisions from the busy Ford Road, had stopped the site from being developed before.

The majority of those wetlands will remain untouched, Pangle said.

"We ended up putting some of the land into a conservatory agreement so that it will never be developed," he said. "We're only developing 3 acres of the site, which leaves almost six protected. That's a big chunk of land."

The 3.2 acres to be developed abuts Morton Taylor and Ford roads, and will wrap around the Olson office building on the corner. On that site will be a 23,500 square-foot Office Max and an

additional 5,000 square-feet of retail

The site plan also allows for access to the office building and the addition of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) garden, lighting and landscape features, according to Canton Planner Angela Wolosiewicz.

The DDA features will only extend along Ford Road, Wolosiewicz said,

Office Max will have entrances on both Ford and Morton Taylor roads, with the Morton Taylor road serving as an exit for service and delivery vehicles. A screened truck dock will conceal those vehicles from both the office building and Morton Taylor Road.

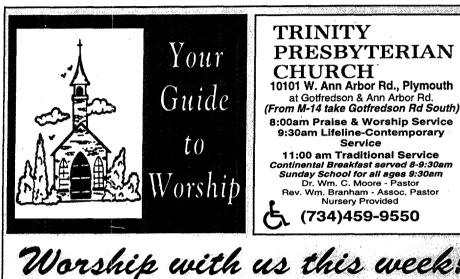
Pangle said he was satisfied with the final layout of the development.

"The residential base actually turned out in support of the idea, which is a rare thing in these days of homeowners versus developers," he said. "Everything has been very positive.'

Pangle said his company has worked on other projects within the township, and is currently negotiating a deal for a five acre site on Saltz and Canton Center roads, which would become an upscale professional office, he said.

He hopes to break ground on the Office Max site Oct. 1.





## A way to sell something'

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hand.

Darby was a Salem art teacher for 30 years and retired in 1995. Since 1992 she's been a member of Potters for Peace and took her first trip to Nicaragua in 1993. During that trip she helped to gather kids injured in the war, feed them and teach them the basics of

"It was wonderful," Darby said, explaining what the kids got out of the classes. "We would call it self worth. But I think they just saw it as something to do, a way to sell something." For a people shattered by war and shackled to an ailing government, that's no small feat. "We don't have problems like that in most of the U.S.'

Those who study with Potters for Peace learn the same skills as Guzman and Rodriguez, ceramatistas who create all of their works without a wheel.

Since 1986, ceramatistas have made organized the trip.

progressively more money from their work, Darby said. Although they're few and far between, a small number of men have taken up the call, too. Unlike the women, according to Darby, most men use a potter's wheel for their work.



spent the last two weeks with Rodriguez and Guzman, Madison, WI and Aurora, IL. Madison is a sister city Managua, and officials wanted

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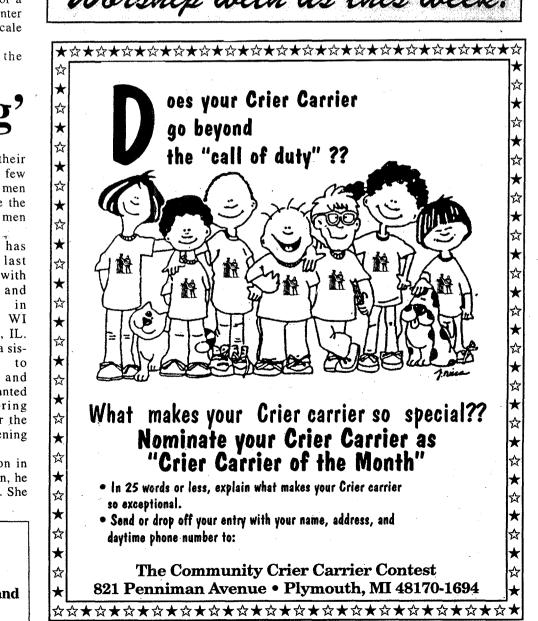
**DARBY** 

bring to Rodriguez and Guzman north for the sesquicentennial celebration happening now in Madison.

When a Potters for Peace liaison in Nicaragua got the call from Madison, he called Darby at her Plymouth home. She

#### Fall Fest is nigh!

It's nearly here — the 43rd annual Plymouth Fall Festival. Community service clubs put their best foot forward next week, and so does The Crier. Look for the 150-pg. issue Sept. 9.





# Getting down to business

### Neighbors in business

**Metro Mortgage Corporation** of Northville has announced the formation of a holding company, Lender Ltd. Metro Mortgagehas formally changed its name to Lender, Ltd, and Metro becomes a DBA of Lender, Ltd.

Lender, Ltd was formed to alow the structure of **Independently Owned Companies** (IOC) within the holding company. It is opening up net branches for experienced mortgage personnel who want to' own their own company and have the safety of a large organization.

Linda Langmesser, CMC/AAE, City Clerk of the City of Plymouth, has been accepted as a member in the Academy for Advanced Education of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

The academy is a professional body of municipal clerks who have continued their level of educational achievement beyond the attainment of the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk Award.

In order to become a member of the academy, a person must first attain the IIMC certification designation, attend a minimum of 30 hours of graduate courses at the IIMC recognized clerks institute or complete similar educational programs relating to the responsibilities of the municipal clerk's office.

Future Three, of Northville, developers of fully integrated release accounting and shipping control applications for automotive suppliers, will once again exhibit at AutoTech, Sept. 1-3 at Detroit's Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center.

Lynne Tomlinson has joined MEDHEALTH"S medical team as an Occupational Therapist. Lynnes comes to MEDHEALTH from Henry Ford Hosptial, where she was a home Health Care professional. She will handle all occupational therapy needs for the Plymotuh facility.

# Making the perfect car seat

Johnson Controls' new driving simulator takes industry by storm

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Picture yourself driving through familiar Plymouth-Canton Northville environs.

Your car shakes as you hit potholes along Ann Arbor Road or shudders as you cross the railroad tracks. The wind whips around your windows as you cruise down M-14, passing other cars.

And throughout your drive, tiny sensors monitor how each motion, bump or turn affects the positioning of your seat. The sensors feed their information into computers, and computers collect and tabulate the

Now consider when your ride is done, you step out of your car, and back into the lab. You haven't even left the building, and yet the sites and sounds you've experienced all come from local roads.

You would have just experienced Johnson Controls' new Advanced Comfort Center and it's something new for the automotive industry.

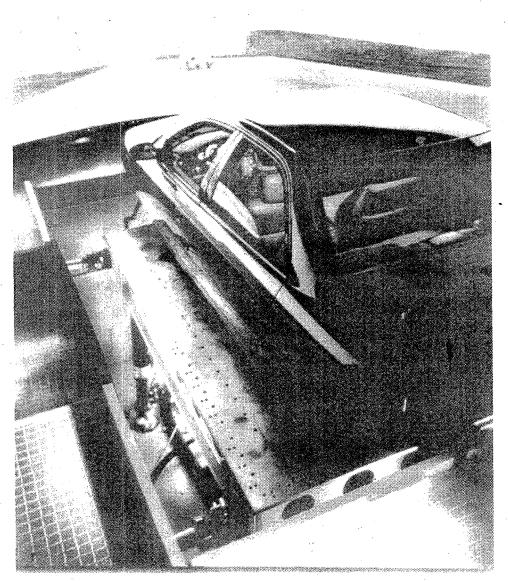
The comfort center is a \$3.5 million, 3,200-square-foot addition to the Johnson Controls Plymouth facility. It debuted in July and has drown attention throughout the automotive industry. At its heart is a driving simulator that simulates the sights, sounds and even forces and vibrations that drivers experience all possible conditions, according to Kuntal Thakurta, manager of the comfort lab.

"This driving simulator completed by the other advanced tools in our comfort center — will enable Johnson Controls to truly push the envelope on automotive comfort," said Kuntal Thakurta, manager of the new facility. Thakurta works with a staff of eight full-time engineers and four technicians in the comfort center.

The simulator is comparable to some amusement park rides which strap people in and use hydraulics to simulate motion.

"Pilots in training use flight simulators," Thakurta said. "Applying a similar approach in a scientifically controlled environment, engineers creating the automotive interiors of the future can use our high-tech driving simulator."

Johnson Controls is a global market leader in automotive systems and



The Johnson Controls driving simulator is like an amusement park ride, but will change the way automotive seats are designed and developed.

than 500 locations around the world. The Plymouth-based Automotive Systems Groups is one of the world's largest suppliers of vehicle interior systems.

With the new comfort system, the Johnson Controls can speed up the process of developing new seating systems and more accurately gauge

It works like this: A six-axis hydraulic shaker replicates-over-road motions and vibrations. It even simulates potholes and other road

These shakers move the vehicle cabin and its two rows of interchangeable seats that can simulate a small car, a medium-sized car or building controls that operates in more even a sport utility vehicle. Combined

with the hydraulic shakers, it even simulates steering and braking sensations.

The cabin has a wrap-around, audiovideo projection system. The screen includes a rear-view mirror and provides full motion images of other vehicles and passing scenery. Sounds of the road, such as road, wind tire and engine noise are also duplicated.

Computer sensors take note of everything that happens inside the cabins, and that data goes toward making more comfortable seats.

"Designing in comfort, convenience and good ergonomic function for our products has been a long-standing practice," he said. "But our new comfort center represents a quantum leap for the automotive industry.'

#### P-C schools:

# **Board streamlines** expulsion process

#### BY BRYON MARTIN

The door through which students are 24 students. expelled from the Plymouth-Canton School District will swing a bit easier this year, especially for students who commit rape, arson or bring weapons to school.

The School Board passed revisions to the district's expulsion policy last week, following the pattern of a two-year-old piece of state legislation.

According to an employe at the state department of education, the weapons, arson and rape law went into effect such crimes on school property justification for immediate expulsion.

Although the state generally leaves the design of expulsion proceedings to individual districts, Plymouth-Canton used Michigan's WAR law as a model for streamlining current district processes for other expulsions, too.

According to Superintendent Charles Little, each student who faces expulsion is given a hearing before the entire School Board after one of its two monthly meetings. Hearings last about 1 to 3 hours, he said, as students, parents, lawyers and school officials make their respective cases.

That's a lot of time to spend, according to Little.

"The amount of time spent is huge," he said, "and it's not the most productive use. of time for the board."

Last year the P-C district expelled about

Most often, Little said, the expulsions were for distribution of drugs at school, fighting or repeated drug or alcohol use.

Roughly six expulsion cases involved rape, arson or possession of weapons on district property, according to Little.

Under the WAR plan now in place, those students will no longer appear before the full School Board, but in front of Little or his delegate.

Since state law defines WAR incidents December 1995, making the commission of as grounds for immediate dismissal, and full police, witness and school reports are available at the hearings, Little said, one person can make the expulsion decision without limiting the due process guaranteed

> "Some of these are cut-and-dried, automatic expulsions," he said. "The results are known before you begin."

> In expulsion hearings for other instances students will appear before a rotating panel of three board members, according to

> In both types of expulsion board members will be less frequently involved in decisions, thereby losing less time to the

And that, Little said, is the point.

"We'll use this in the first case we get this year, and let the board get back to serving its 16,000 students."

## Growth highlights needs

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"The numbers are definitely up," Little said. "They're real increases."

As the total mounts, Transportation Director LuAnn Grech is faced with picking up more kids with a fleet one year overdue for replenishment.

Grech spent most of Monday readying her staff. Her voicemail message captures the district's mood:

"We are still making adjustments for new students that have just arrived. I'd ask you to be patient with us.'

#### ...with 1 month to go

At this point, though, patience may not be a virtue for the district. Its Oct. 3 election is on the horizon and supporters have one month to convince voters to approve a \$19.3 million bond.

Supporters might be tempted to nod at the number of students riding school buses and heading to the middle schools as rationale for approval of the bond, which would buy 10 new buses and replace Lowell Middle

Livonia public schools now lease Lowell

to the P-C district, but will take the building back June 2000 and accommodate its own students again.

The district also says it needs to replace buses that have worked beyond their intended years. The money to buy their replacements is tied up in continuing court challenges to the district's March '97 bond.

The need is apparent but has little to do with the October bond, according to Mark Horvath, chairperson of the citizens' bond steering committee.

"It continues to point out the need for the last bond," he said, explaining that the March '97 issue was geared to accommodate district growth. "But this one is just to get us back to ground zero."

The hundreds of new students might not be the campaign tool they appear to be, but their parents could be of help, according to Horvath, a former School Board president.

"Right now we're just focused on getting out voters and passing the bond," he said. "What (the increase) gives me is 200 to 400 new sets of parents to get involved in the schools."

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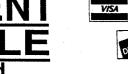


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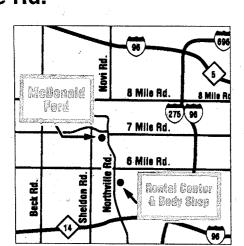
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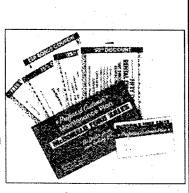
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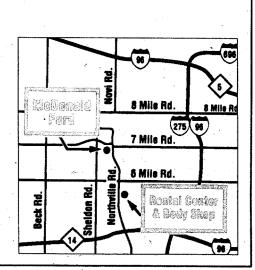
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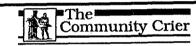


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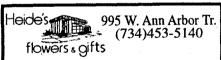
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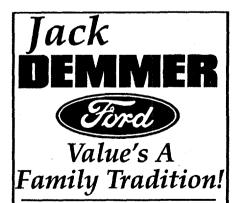
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734-453-0870; Now playing: "Six Days, Seven Nights"

#### PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

734-454-0178; Thurs.: Plymouth Poets, Open mic Sat.: DJ Brian spins jazz.

#### STATION 885 RESTAURANT

734-459-0885; Wed. – Sat.: Live music with Wally Gibson;

#### **WAGON WHEEL LOUNGE**

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

#### WEST SIDE SINGLES

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

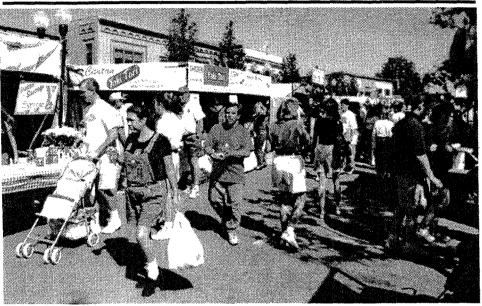
These listings are free of charge and are accurate as of noon Friday, prepared for Wednesday's Crier. Bookings. reservations, cover charges and capacities may change, so please call to verify information. A venue wishing to be listed or to update information should call The Crier at (734) 453-6900 by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



## What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

## **Events**



Fall Festival... Fall Festival returns for the 43rd year next week Sept. 11-13. Art will be displayed in Kellogg Park, and Central Middle School. Also, don't miss Sunday's Chicken Barbecue or your chance to support nonprofit community groups, which will fill the streets with hungry Fest goers. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

#### FITNESS WALK

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

#### FREE POTTERY WHEEL DEMO

The Plymouht Community Arts Council will hold a free pottery wheel demo Tues. Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Judy Buresh, who is teaching workshops at the PCAC this fall is pleased to offer this demonstration and to answer questions. For information call (734) 416-4278.

#### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

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

#### THE TREASURE CHEST CRAFT SHOW

Treasure Chest Craft show will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center Fri. Sept. 11, 1998 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sat. Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **BOBBY MICHAELS IN CONCERT**

Calvary Baptist Church presents Christian musician Bobby Michaels in concert Sunday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. Michaels is the founder and international director of the International Christian Academy of the Performing and Fine Arts located in South Africa. For more information call (734) 455-0022.

#### PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The class of 1937 and 1938 will be holding their 60th Class reunion Sept. 11 at the Plymouth Elks Club. For more information call Ginny Fehlig at (734) 453-0927 or Helene Shepard at (734) 464-0384.

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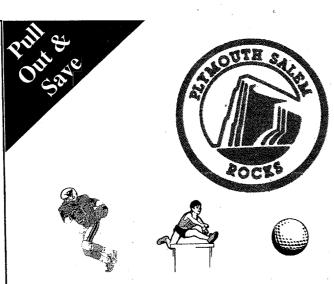
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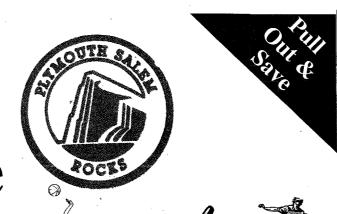


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Thu.	10-29-98	Plymouth Canton	T	4:00
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Thu.	9-17-98	North Farmington	Н	4:00
Sat.	9-19-98	New Boston	T	
Sat.	9-26-98	Jackson Invitational	Т	
		Shamrock Invitational	Т	
Thu.	10-1-98	Farmington	T	
Sat.	10-3-98	Crestwood Invitational	T	
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# Salem Rocks Fall Sports Schedule

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Sat.	9-19-98	Troy		T	11:30
Mon.	9-21-98	Stevenson		T	5:30
Wed.	9-23-98	North Farmington		H	5:30
Sat.	9-26-98	Brighton		Η,	10:00
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Mon.	8-31-98	Northville		H	7:00
Wed.	9-2-98	John Glenn		T	4:00
Wed.	9-9-98	Farmington		Ĥ	7:00
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•		Byron Invitational		Т	8:00am
Fri.	8-21-98	Pinckney Invitational		Т	8:00
Mon.	8-24-98	Brighton Invitational		T	9:00am
Wed.	9-9-98	Plymouth Canton		H	3:00
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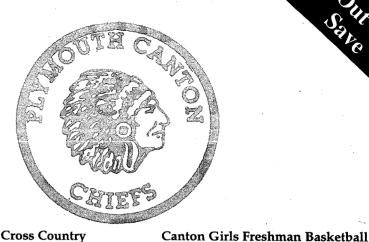
Canton Junior Varsity Football













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Wed.	8-26-98	Monroe	Н	5:30	Sat.	9-26-98	Troy	Н
Mon.	8-31-98	W.L. Central	T	5:30	Mon.	9-28-98	Franklin	H
Wed.	9-2-98	Stevenson	H	5:30	Wed.	9-30-98	Churchill	T
Wed.	9-9-98	Northville	T	5:30	Mon.	10-5-98	Plymouth Salem	T
Sat.	9-12-98	Warren DeLaSaile	T	11:30	Wed.	10-7-98	W.L. Western	H
Mon.	9-14-98	N. Farmington	н	5:30	Sat.	10-10-98	Harrison	н
Wed.	9-16-98	John Glenn	Τ.	5:30	Mon.	10-12-98	Playoff (3rd-12th)	H
Mon.	9-21-98	Novi	H	5:30	Wed.	10-14-98	Playoff Finals	H
Wed.	9-23-98	Farmington	T	4:00	10/19-24/98		Districts	
Sat.	9-26-98	Troy	H	1:30	10/26-31/98		Regionals	H
Mon.	9-28-98	Franklin	H	5:30	Wed.	11-4-98	State Semi-Finals	
Wed.	9-30-98	Churchill	T.	5:30	Sat.	11-7-98	State Finals	
Mon.	10-5-98	Plymouth Salem	T	5:30	Coach Dor	Smith		
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					Mon.	8-24-98		_
Sat.	8-22-98	Gary Balconi Tourn.		10:00	Tues.		Brighton Invitational A.A. Huron & Cath C.	
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Ved.	9-16-98	Stevenson	H	3:00
ri.	9-18-98	Nville/Farm/Salem	NV	3:00
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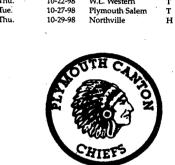
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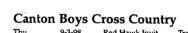




Canton Girls Var	sity & Junior Varsity

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		Churchill	WLC	4:00
Thu.	9-17-98	Harrison	H	4:00
Sat.	9-19-98	Ludington Invit.l	Ţ	9:45
Thu.	10-1-98	Northville	T	4:00
Sat.	10-3-98	Grosse Ile Invit.	Τ .	9:30
Sat.	10-10-98	Ypsi. Braves Invit.	T	9:30
Thu.	10-15-98	W.L. Western & Franklin	WLW	4:00
Fri.	10-23-98	Western Lakes Conf.	Kensing	zton
Fri.	10-30-98	J.V./Reserve Invit.	н	4:00
Sat.	10-31-98	Regionals	AA Pio	neer
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#### Curiosities

Dear Martha. et. al.



By Geneva Guenther

So glad to hear your cheery voice on Sunday. Indeed you do have a lovely granddaughter who wrote a nice letter to me about her grandmother.

I think we forget sometimes how many special people there are. Saturday, I was in my favorite store where a lady spoke to me. She introduced herself, and said how much she enjoyed our little letters. I was very pleased and knew you would be too. Then she told me she teaches English at Schoolcraft which made me sit up and take notice, I can tell you Wasn't it nice of her to notice us? She also knew Peter, which warmed my heart.

I am constantly amazed at the number of really nice people I meet. The Skinners for one, a couple who live on Beacon Hill. They could add a great deal to the Historical Museum.

The number of former residents who are returning to live here is phenomenal. Catherine with a "C" and Dr. David are home from Seattle. Dr. David will be

#### **Curiosities**

Dear Martha Et. Al. Cont.

teaching at Eastern. Welcome home you

Marie and Marv Criger flew in from Florida last week. We wish they'd stay. We miss them.

Mary Heskett and her husband were visiting here from Tennessee. Mary worked at the City Hall in the Water Department for a long time. If you need a plan for retirement you should meet with this happy couple, who have the best answer to an adjustment in their way of

Busy, busy, busy. Plymouth is getting ready for Fall Festival, Sept. 11, 12 and 13. Wish you were here. Blessings,

Geneva

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JESS eats tempura shrimp at The Botsford Inn.

KENN STARR - I'll just send you my dress. -Mr. Vacation

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Does anybody know who Michael is?
Sleepover Pals - Thanks for a great time Now we know each others futures! "STU MOON was a Humane Society

for lost taxpayers." --Ted Boloven, Business Partner, 1998

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KIBILKOS -

Only one of you unhealthy at a time please! WHY DON'T THEY CALL THEM "HIM-A-" CANES" when they're naved after men?"
--Lisa Amico, 1998.
"DON'T ANSWER THAT!"

-- a panicked Sharon Holroyde on her cell phone call, 1998.

"English must be my second language, but I don't know what my first is yet.'
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"I WANT TO SET an example that someone càn live down to" --Marilyn Meredith in Canton, 1998

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## Community deaths

#### NORMA JENNETTE KENYON

A memorial service will be held for Norma Jennette Kenyon at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road.

There will be a luncheon at the church after the service.

#### **CLAIRE NICHOLSON**

Claire Nicholson, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 24, 1998 at the age of 95.

Mrs. Nicholson was born Nov. 18, 1902 in Burnbank, Scotland. She was a cook, and retired from the Detroit Board of Education. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon (Walter) McCann of Plymouth; grandsons, Brian McCann of Ypsilanti, Kevin (Colleen) McCann of Westland; granddaughter, Kyle Marie (Mark) Bauer of Farmington, MI; great-granddaughters, Katherine McCann, Claire McCann, and Emma Bauer. She is preceded in death by her husband, William J. Nicholson.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Mass offerings can be made.

#### HELENE M. CHURCH

Helene M. Church, a Westland resident, died August 25, 1998 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Church was born March 15, 1908 in Plymouth Township. She worked at the Michigan Bell business office in Northville and as an instructress and central office observer in Ann Arbor. From there she was sent to perform these duties in the Ypsilanti office. She also worked for 10 years in the Alumni Records office at the University of Michigan. After the death of her husband, Harry, she was employed for 13 years by Farmington High School as a secretary in the counciling center until her retirement.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Church of Grand Rapids; son, James (Barbara) of Canton; grandchildren, Kristy Stougaard of Grand Rapids, Curt Stougaard of Grand Rapids, Cary Stougaard of Grand Rapids, Lisa Kozicki of Detroit, James Church of Westland, Robert Church of Westland; and four great-grandchildren. She is preceded in

death by her husband, Harry. Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Thomas G. Bradley and the Rev. Edward C. Coley officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

#### MARK ALLEN OBLAK

Mark Allen Oblak, a Canton resident, died Aug. 25, 1998 at the age of 51.

Mr. Oblak was born Dec. 10, 1946 in Detroit. He had previously worked in the banking field. He was a member of the Wayne Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Carol E. of Canton; son, Michael of Livonia; six daughters; brother, Kerry Oblak of Livonia; and 22 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his brother, Bruce Oblak.

Memorial services were held at the Wayne Church of Christ with the Rev. Randall A. Bone officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howel Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Plymouth Church of Christ.

#### **EVELYN MAY MITCHELL**

Evelyn May Mitchell, a Westland resident, died Aug. 29, 1998 at the age of 78. Mrs. Mitchell was born Sunday Sept. 9, 1919 in Worcester, MA. She was a homemaker.

She lived many years at Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth.

She is survived by her daughter, Doris A. Jasmer of Plymouth; sons, Richard Mitchell of Northville, James Mitchell of Southfield, Gary Mitchell of Canton; sister, Ruth Toombs of Millbury, MA; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Brookside Cemetery in Fairgrove, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Diabetes Association, Michigan Affiliate, Inc 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 4400 Southfield, MI 48075 or the American Heart Association West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129 Berkley, MI 48072.

#### ROBERTA "ROBBIE" J. TALAGA

Roberta "Robbie" J. Talaga, a Westland resident, died Aug. 28, 1998 at the age of 35. Mrs. Talaga was born Jan. 24, 1963 in Detroit. She was a receptionist for a construction

She is survived by her parents, Robert S. and Agnes Talaga of Westland; daughter, Amanda Peurasaari of Stockbridge, MI; son, Bobbie La More of Florida; sisters, Vicki (Lawrence) Rios of San Antonio, TX; Debbie Hudson of Westland and Cindy (Gary) Houston of Grand Rapids, MI.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Neil C. Cowling officiating. Burial of creamains was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorial contriutions can be given to the charity of choice.

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# Sports shorts

## Registration continues for a men's softball league in Canton and will last until Friday, Sept. 4.

Double-headers will be held every Wednesday or Thursday for five weeks beginning Sept. 9.

The cost is \$200 per team, with each team paying \$16 per game for umpire fees.

Register in person at The Summit on the Park Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Or call (734) 397-5110 for more information.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will hold their golf outing Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Fox Hills Country Club.

Costs for a foursome sponsor, \$600, a twosome sponsor, \$440. Individual tickets cost \$175.

Sponsorship includes: golf with cart, meals, open bar, refreshments and a sponsor sign.

Call the Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 for more information.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) has released a statement concerning the use of dietary supplements for high school athletes.

Specifically, the statement talks about the use of the supplement creatine. **Creatine** is a popular workout enhancer used by many pro and college athletes.

Lately, many high school students have also realized the enhancement benefits of the supplement.

The MHSAA is not banning creatine, according to MHSAA representative Mike Clifford, but they are strongly suggesting that coaches and school personal "never supply, recommend or permit the use of any drug, medication or food supplement solely for performance-enhancing purposes.

"Even natural substances in unnatural amounts may have shortterm or long-term negative health effects," the statement said.

Creatine is readily available over-the-counter and is not regulated by the FDA. Often sold in white-powder form, it can be taken mixed with water, milk or fruit juice.

# Sports

## Iceland: two wheels, two weeks

Plymouth man to circumnavigate island for Kiwanis Club

#### BY SCOTT GOODWIN

As you read this, Bill Lawton is probably pedaling his way somewhere near Akureyri, Iceland's second largest city located on the north coast.

Unlike its counterpart, the capital city of Reykjavic in the south, where Lawton began his journey last Friday, Akureyri is a quaint, clean town characterized by sunny summer days and bountiful gardens.

It's probably a welcome sight for a tired Lawton, who after five days of biking though an unpredictable climate may be looking for a warm, dry place to stay.

When Lawton began his journey, though, he knew what he was getting into. Lawton studied the climate and geography of the ecologically eclectic island for weeks before his departure. The diversity of the landscape, with everything from lava flows to hot springs to icecaps, creates a unique, otherworldly experience for travelers.

Lawton, a seasoned biker who has taken several marathon biking and hiking trips, said he was drawn by the challenges presented by an Iceland trip. He also thought it was a good opportunity to raise money for his service club, the Plymouth Kiwanians.

"I take these kinds of trips for fun, but on this one I thought I would use it as a fundraiser as well," Lawton said, adding that none of the funds donated will be used to finance his trip.

"A trip around Iceland sounds crazy enough that it might convince people to donate money for a good cause," he said.

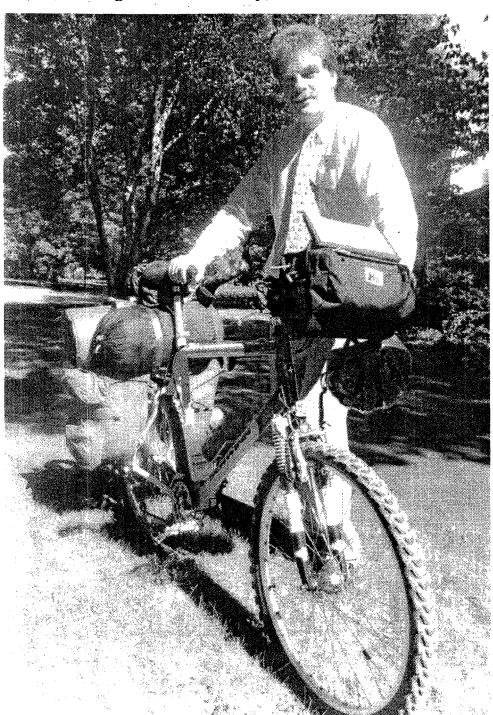
The Plymouth Kiwanis Club has been working for more than a year now to raise enough funds to buy special heat-sensing cameras for the Plymouth Community Fire Department. The cameras allow firefighters to see through smoke to aid in a rescue.

One camera has been purchased already at a price of more than \$15,000. Now the Kiwanis Club is looking to buy two more.

Lawton said he has received a few hundred dollars in donations already, mostly from fellow Kiwanians and employes at Community Federal Credit Union where Lawton works.

"They can pledge per mile or just give donations," Lawton said. "They don't have to be huge donations, even little ones help."

Lawton left for Iceland on Friday afternoon, armed only with his bike and limited traveling gear. Included in that gear was his tent, sleeping bag, shorts, T-shirts, polo fleece, Gore-tex jacket, rain pants, helmet, stove, water filter and spare parts and tools for his bike. All that gear has to be stuffed into two small bags draped around his rear tire.



The bike that will be Bill Lawton's best friend as he rolls around Iceland during the next few weeks. The bike, which Lawton bought just a few months ago, is a Schwinn "Mesa Aluminum Frame GSX." (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

"This trip gave me an excuse to update some of my gear," Lawton said. "When you get old like me you start buying gear to make up for the lack of youthful energy."

Lawton said he would reassemble his bike once he got off the plane in Reykjavik and begin his trip immediately, "probably counterclockwise," he said.

Iceland has a rainy, windy climate that can make traveling difficult, even hazardous.

"I've never really been through that kind of rain," Lawton said.

Lawton has, however, been on several trips that would rival the Iceland trek in both millage and difficulty.

When he graduated from high school in 1978, Lawton completed a cross-country journey from Astoria, Oregon, located on the Pacific Ocean, all the way back to Plymouth, a 37-day trip made with "a beat-up ten-speed,' Lawton said.

His last major biking trip was in 1993, a

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### Let the games begin:

# Salem rips N'ville, 5-1



The Salem Boys Soccer team started the WLAA season with a bang Monday night versus Northville. After a low scoring tournament last week in East Lansing, Salem peppered the Northville goal, especially in the second half. Brett Stinar, Jeff Chrazanowski, Dan Weilechowski, Aaron MacDonald and Giuseppe Ianni each scored for Salem. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

## Salem Cheerleaders camp champs

The Salem High School cheerleaders, a nationally-ranked team, recently were named Camp Champs in the Routine Division at the Universal Cheerleaders' Association Elite Camp at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

The rigorous four-day camp involved co-ed stunting, dance and cheer techniques.

More than 100 teams competed at the

In addition to the varsity team win, the Junior Varsity team also took top honors in the Cheer Division.

"We were a little bit better prepared this year," said Coach Jodie Dillion.

Many of the teams Salem faced were the tough southern teams, teams that beat Salem last year in the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando

"That was probably the biggest surprise," Dillion said. "We've never been able to beat those teams."

Varsity team members include: Alison Betz, Rich Cieslak, David Clemons, Lauren Devine, Lindsay Hawraney, Erika Healy, Harmony Howard, Courtney Leaym, Megan Leddy, Sarah Medley, Haley Menard, Beth Murphy, Carrie O'Rear, Gordon Perrin, Nicole Reno, Jessica Teran and Melissa Timte.



Members of the Salem High School varsity and junior varsity cheerleading squads pose after grabbing the camp championships in Bloomington, Indiana. After a 10th place finish at the National Tournament last year, Salem looking for even more this season.

# Finding a challenge

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1,000 mile trek though the United States' desert Southwest, around the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and Phoenix.

He is also an experienced hiker, having backpacked the entire 200-mile John Muir Trail through the Sierra Nevada Mountains in

19 days.

Lawton is taking the trip alone, but in many ways that is the way he likes it.

"When you do it alone you get to meet a lot of people," he said, adding that most people in Iceland speak English.

"A lot of it has to do with finding something that is challenging."

# **Sports** shorts

Registration for the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball League will be held on Thursday, Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at East Middle School in Plymouth Township.

All students in the Plymouth Canton School District and all of Canton Township are eligible. Tryouts will be conducted before team organization for the purpose of equalizing teams.

Players will play about 10 games, in a tournament and keep their jersey.

Registration fees go as follows: third and fourth grade, \$80; fifth and sixth grade, \$85; seventh and eighth grade, \$90. Grades 9-12 will register at a later date.

#### On deck

#### SALEM GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday at home versus Churchill at 5:30 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS TENNIS

Thursday at Belleville at 4 p.m.

#### SALEM GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday at Lutheran Westland at 3:45 p.m.

SALEM FOOTBALL

Friday at Belleville at 7 p.m.

SALEM BOYS SOCCER

Today at John Glenn at 4 p.m.

#### CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday at home versus Marian at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Harper Woods Regina at 5:30 p.m.

**CANTON GIRLS TENNIS** 

Thursday at Allen Park at 4 p.m.

#### CANTON GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday at Troy Athens for the Red Hawk Invite at 4:30 p.m.

#### CANTON FOOTBALL

Friday at home versus Monroe at 7:30 p.m.

#### CANTON BOYS SOCCER

Today at home versus Stevenson at 7 p.m.

#### CANTON BOYS GOLF

Today at home versus North Farmington at 3 p.m.

#### CANTON BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday at Walled Lake Central for a meet against North Farmington, Walled Lake Central and Churchill, 4 p.m.



# Community opinions

# Aug. 2000: we'll need another school

Past School Board candidate, critic backs Oct. 3 bond to build Lowell replacement

EDITOR:

How do we convince the voters we need another school bond?

How do we convince the voters to spend more money on the children of this community, to spend money on the future?!

All summer I have tried to think of a way to persuade voters that our schools are desperate for classrooms. Passage of the Middle School Bond Proposal is absolutely necessary. Today we have five middle schools. In August, 2000 we will have only four.

Today we have about 3,000 children in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. In August, 2000 we will still have more than 3,000 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

Lowell houses about 700 children, no matter how you divide it, none of our middle schools will hold that many more bodies.

My numbers may not be absolute. They are estimates. Families move in and out of our school district every month. No matter what the numbers are, we don't have a building that will house another 100 middle school students.

This was evident in December, 1995 when the Housing and Facilities Committee recommended to the School Board that another middle school building should be considered as part of the long range planning of this district.

The Board has been forced into this decision, but they have put their faith in this community and accepted the challenge. They have not sat back and waited for the public to make a choice.

This time they have identified where the school will be built, they have hired a builder. Today you know what the school of what the building will look like.

The Board has stuck its neck out in favor of students. Most school boards will take the wait-and-see attitude.

This past spring I attended a Board meeting and requested that the bond proposal be kept clean, not adding a lot of unnecessary frills. I am proud of the Board for keeping

adding the much needed buses to its

The Board also used great caution by hiring a different contractor that the group

will cost and soon we will have a description in charge of the high school project, just in cast the 1997 bond project requires construction to begin while the middle school project was in full swing. Again, they protected the community.

Today we have five

middle schools.

In August 2000, we

will have only four.

People who know me know I am probably outspoken for my own good. I usually don't hesitate to criticize, but this time I have the opportunity to applaud the Boarc for doing the righ

the proposal as simple as possible, only thing. I only hope the community wil support the children of this school district and vote yes for the middle school bond proposal

> We have all learned how to use the voting computer. If you don't like that voting machine/computer, call the Board offices and ask for an absentee ballot. You don't have to be a senior citizen to request this type of voting procedure. Just check the box that says you expect to be absent from the community on the day of the election. Chances are, you'll be busy anyway.

If you supported me when I ran for the School Board, please support the bond proposal Saturday, Oct. 3. If you supported someone else — an even better reason to vote yes.

**CAROL BOLLMAN** 

# hy penalize seniors?

EDITOR:

As a longtime City resident I feel the cost of the fall session paint class at The Cultural Center could have been raised to \$3, not \$4. We've been together 10 or 11 years, and most students reside in the Township.

The Township has had several opportunities to pay their fair share for recreation and they have failed.

Why penalize the seniors for disputes between the City and the

The students I've called will not attend at the new proposed rate

I want to know why seniors have to pickup the slack when they're not paying for millages.

PHYLLIS CAMPBELL HOCHLOWSKI

and 11-year painting class member

# Wilcox proposal an 'excellent idea'

Past president of Plymouth Vietnam Vets Association likes Wilcox's generosity, support of vets park

I would like to make a few comments on the new Wilcox project. I have been a resident of Plymouth for 15 years and have always been interested in any development in our city.

Like many citizens in Plymouth I prefer to keep a close eye on anything

that concerns our tax dollars such as project and calling Jack Wilcox and in a proper position and that it please be City projects, fire and police and our top priority: education.

Plymouth, being a small city, is like living in a small house — you can move the furniture only so many times to make

After reading about the Wilcox

going to the site itself, I find that Jack has an excellent idea in moving the house and donating it to the City, \$400,000. Imagine what a good time he meaning giving the house to the people could have with that. of Plymouth.

I find that the Wilcox house is not only a structure of beauty, but a landmark Plymouth history. Also it is a tool for our educational system to teach children of our betterment of Plymouth

I find it to be a wonderful gesture that Jack Wilcox has offered his home to the beautiful centerpiece for our city. He has asked only that it be moved and placed Plymouth-Canton VVA.

taken care of.

After all, the house is worth

I am asking the people of Plymouth and those who followed me in the post to support Jack Wilcox and his new project for the betterment of Plymouth.

**JOHN PAPPAS** Post President, Plymouth Vietnam

Veterans Association

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of Plymouth to support

Jack Wilcox and his

new project for the

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pappas stressed people of Plymouth, He is offering a that his views are personal and do not reflect the official position of the

# Canton officials wise to buy softball center

I would like to applaud the courage and vision demonstrated by Canton Township's elected officials in their recent purchase of the Canton Softball Center.

This action will ensure their ability to deliver quality recreational services while acquiring another jewel for their growing community.

MICHAEL GEROU



# Community opinions

## Canton trustees: slow down

"Slow down, you move too fast."

It's an old song.

But someone should sing it every day to the Canton Township Board.

On the surface, the Canton Softball Center purchase seems like a great deal for the township to buy at \$4.75 million. Of that, \$2.5 million comes from a proposed Building Authority bond issue; \$1.6 million comes from the Community Improvement fund; and \$1.5 million comes from the general fund of Canton Township.

Canton should be lauded for its past 10 years of growing its quality of life. Supervisor Tom Yack captained the helm (with the help of the Canton Foundation too), but Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter is really the quiet, behind-the-scenes force driving Canton to be a better place to live.

But before the township builds anymore water slides....

Two economic forces loom for Canton.

First, the growth boom won't go on much longer. (Tom has rarely or never met a development he didn't like. The township is almost out of trees to cut down, soybean fields

to plow into soccer fields and pumpkin patches to turn under.)

Second, the township's garbage/tipping fees — about \$750,000 a year — won't go on forever. If they last even 20 years, it means that Tom will be retired happily in Jupiter, FL by the time Canton taxpayers really start shouldering the real costs of public pool water slides.

And in the case of buying the Canton Softball Center, yet another specific economic force is at work.

It's on the tax rolls now.

So not only would Canton put its full faith and credit and cash into a purchase, it won't be getting tax revenues back like it does when it's a private operation.

Canton has done a great job of providing a higher level of recreation, culture and even education (the library). Certainly Plymouth Township needs to learn from its southern neighbor.

But when is enough, enough?

The former Arnoldt Williams music studios are being leased to foster a non-profit music-dance-arts conservatory. Canton has

With malice toward none

By W. Edward Wendover



supported that by subsidizing a one-year startup lease. That makes sense.

Purchasing the Softball Center is a bit much.

Why not lease it?

Why not use the existing Canton park lands for softball?

And on top of playing fast-pitch softball real estate when it should be slowing down, Canton is thinking of starting its own junior baseball league so it doesn't have to carry those Plymouth Township kiddies who live in a community where their "leadership" doesn't believe in recreation.

What if the old Plymouth folks had felt that way about those upstart Canton kids moving in 25 years ago and shut them out of the ball leagues?

Advice to the Canton Board: "Slow down, you move too fast."

# The community's best face

May Plymouth's founding fathers forgive me, but this time last year I was trying to figure out what the big deal was with the Fall Festival.

Sure I like to eat. I would even go so far to say as I like to eat more than the next guy, and my dining habits tend toward the less than healthy. Even so, I had a hard time justifying a three day cholesterol binge — which at the time was what I considered the festival to be: a bunch of people pigging out in the streets.

It could be that my image of the festival was tainted by being editor of The Crier's annual Fall Festival Edition; a chore I took on first with trepidation, then determination and finally desperation.

But as the final pages went out the door and we looked across the floor scattered with paper trimmings and thought of the weekend ahead, I began to feel the first bits of excitement about the Festival itself.

I realized then that it was more than an outdoor buffet line. For three days, our community put on its best face. Charitable organizations raised money for good causes, and all of P-C-N opened their hearts, their wallets, and their mouths. It was a grand old time, and some of that excitement filtered throughout the year and infected me enough to volunteer (although volunteer is still a term used loosely) for the editorship again this year with the thought of putting some of that excitement into our publication.

By all accounts, this year's Fall Festival will be bigger and better than last year: more cars in the car show; a second stage to provide non-stop entertainment; even a chili cookoff. The only thing it

will be missing is two long-serving members

— The Trailwood Garden Club and the Three
Cities Art Club.

The garden club's only presence in the festival will be at the perennial exchange Saturday morning, quite a switch from when the festival was a primarily agricultural affair and children and adults alike made faces out of produce, arranged dried flowers and brought in their biggest pumpkins and zucchinis.

The decision was made because of poor participation in their once-popular contests, coupled with the cost of renting a tent for the day.

Not enough bang for the buck, they said.

Fair enough, although it still points to the way P-C-N is growing away from its agricultural roots.

If you want to go back to a time when the Three Cities Art Club wasn't involved in the Festival, you would have to travel back to 1959. The art club joined the festival in 1960, when festival organizers were trying to encourage cultural activities in the community.

Many may think the art club wasn't

Off the cuff



involved in the festival last year. Untrue. They probably just didn't see them. For the second year in a row, the art club booth was located in the park, behind most of the action.

The streets were filled with Fest goers, but most of them didn't know of the art club's display. Fall Festival organizers use a formula to determine which booths go where for the weekend. The formula ensures that no booth gets the high profile spots — usually corners at Main and Penniman — two years in a row. It should also ensure that no group is forgotten, either.

That being said, there is still plenty of artwork to be enjoyed at the festival. Some members of the Three Cities Art Club will exhibit their work in the Arts and Craft Show, held at Central Middle School.

So mark next weekend on your calender and come enjoy Plymouth as it puts its best face forward. The festival may evolve but it's still centered in a strong community.

And Plymouth's founding fathers would appreciate that.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

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