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The Canton Connection

BOOK TALK: Adults interested in forming an evening book discussion group should plan to attend an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Canton Public Library. The first book to be discussed will be Daphne DuMaurier's "Rebecca."

Future meeting dates, books to be discussed and discussion leaders will be chosen by those attending. Refreshments will be served. Adults interested in an evening book discussion group are urged to attend. Sign up or register in person at the Canton Public Library, second floor of Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

SCHOLARS SOUGHT: Just a reminder that Friday, Feb. 6, is the deadline for submitting applications for the scholarships offered by the Woman's Club of Plymouth.

Applications should be returned to the office of the Plymouth and Canton Observers at 489 S. Main, Plymouth, or to the student's guidance counselor at the Centennial Educational Park. The annual scholarship program for local outstanding high school seniors is sponsored by the Woman's Club of Plymouth with the support of the Mayflower Hotel. The scholars are honored later at the annual Scholarship Ball in the Meeting House.

SEVENTH-GRADERS in suspense about where they'll attend high school can relax soon. Students in the Plymouth-Canton school district will be given their assignments early this month, said Dick Egli, community relations director.

Watson waives hearing

Lorance Watson, 58, of Canton, will be tried on nine counts of criminal sexual conduct in connection with alleged assaults against three Redford Township children.

Watson waived his right to a preliminary examination Monday morning in 35th District Court. Judge James Garber set bond at \$1.5 million and Watson is being held in Wayne County Jail. A not guilty plea was entered in his behalf at the Jan. 23 arraignment.

The trial will take place in Records Court although no date has yet been set.

Watson is charged with six counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and three counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct.

Watson's attorney asked for a lower bond stating his client is a long time resident of Michigan and has his own home.

The charges include alleged assaults against a 9-year-old boy and girl and their 12-year-old brother.

The children's mother said the family met Watson while attending the Metropolitan Community Church in Birmingham. Watson is a sales engineer, who travels out of town for the Eaton Corp., in Southfield.

"The suspect would pick up the children for a social activity and act in somewhat of the capacity of a grandfather," a police report said.

Canton crime jumps 35% in 1986

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Serious crime in Canton rose 35 percent last year.

The statistic includes aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, rape, robbery, vehicle theft and arson.

Now that you've heard the bad news, the good news is there were no reported murders in Canton during 1986 and in some areas crime fell.

Last year the total number of calls for service rose to 21,642 in 1986 from 17,965 in 1985. This year Canton will hire five officers to the 36-officer force.

IN 1986 the department hired six civilian public safety officers — doing jobs like dispatch and prison

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— John Santomauro
police chief

care — which frees sworn officers for patrol work.

Robberies rose 93 percent last year. But percentages can be misleading because robberies actually rose from 15 in 1985 to 29 in 1986.

Considering the growing population and development the figure is relatively low, said John Santomauro, police chief. Still that increase

represents a problem.

"I get very, very concerned when I see crimes against persons increase," he said. "Although 29 robberies armed on a per capita basis doesn't tend to be high, you have to keep in mind the number is increasing."

OTHER AREAS where crime rose from 1985 to 1986 include:

Larceny from 1,210 to 1,616; vandalism from 733 cases to 962; burglary from 345 to 435; criminal sexual assaults from 21 to 39; arson from 35 cases to 56 and aggravated assault from 34 cases to 50.

Motor vehicle theft rose from 159 to 231; non-aggravated assault increased from 241 to 297; drug offenses rose from 22 to 27; disorderly

conduct from 293 to 358 and animal complaints from 408 to 419.

The total number of warrants issued rose from 179 to 288.

Areas in which reported crime fell in 1986 include: fraud from 87 to 83; stolen property from 21 to 18; weapons from 17 to 16; sex offenses from 31 to 24; juvenile complaints from 176 to 163; and traffic complaints from 398 to 364.

Public awareness about the effects of drunk driving is one reason the number of offenses in Canton fell from 386 to 285, Santomauro said.

"It's becoming more unacceptable to drink and drive."

In addition to increasing patrol, the police information officer will conduct sessions offering tips for

avoiding crime and dealing with specific incidents.

Police response time increased from nine minutes to 12 minutes in the beginning of 1986 to the end of the year, Santomauro said. Emergency response times rose from four to five minutes.

"I think it's important in emergencies not to exceed the five minutes," said Santomauro. He added it's up to municipal officials to determine if the benefit of lowering the response times is worth the cost.

The area east of Canton Center has the highest level of crime due to the growing number of residents and development.

In 1985 the police budget was \$2.1 million; in 1986 the budget was \$2.5 million and in 1987 it is \$2.7 million.

Heigh-ho



RICK SMITH/staff photographer

Sylvia Rozian will appear as the peddler woman in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," a production of the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women.

Public performances of the play are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12-13 and 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 14. For the story, see today's Suburban Life section.

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Undercover Drug agent catches 'those that you can'

By Diane Gale
staff writer

"I don't go into a place thinking I'm going to die. If I got in that state of mind I would get out."

Mark, a Michigan State officer for eight years, worked undercover on drug cases in Detroit for one year and last fall was assigned to the newly formed Wayne County Drug Enforcement Team.

The unit covers Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and other communities west of Telegraph to Wash-tenaw County and north to Oakland County.

"There's been situations where I've had guns put on me in Detroit, but I don't like to talk about that because it makes you sound like a hero or a cowboy."

AFTER THE unit gets a search warrant, a raid team — usually including five or six officers — makes the arrests.

Mark talked about the "adrenalin rush" when they approach the house and announce they're officers. If someone doesn't answer the door they force their way in.

Within 15-20 seconds the following procedure usually takes place.

The first officer rams the door and moves out of the way for the second

'You don't go through life thinking about death constantly or you'll drive yourself insane.'

undercover officer
drug enforcement team

officer carrying a shotgun.

That officer is followed by a "cover" and they go through each room ordering everyone to lie on the floor. The back-up officers handcuff the suspects.

Mark pauses and says, "It's a real rush feeling and a little scary."

Even though he hates the "John Wayne image" some people link to the job, Mark says he's aware of the dangers of walking into a drug deal and not knowing what's going to happen.

IF HE'S going to avoid burn-out, Mark says he has to limit the stress.

"You don't go through life thinking about death constantly or you'll drive yourself insane."

Mark looks like a lot of guys he deals with on the streets with his shoulder-length hair and day's growth of whiskers. But his confident mannerisms, quick smile and references to his wife and child make a drastically different picture

of the man he is away from work.

"I'm pretty low key. I don't let too much bother me.

"I go to work eight hours a day and when I leave — if it's at all possible — I try to leave work at work. I won't devote 110 percent of my identity or I'll lose the rest of my identity. I give it all I can but I'm a father and a husband, too."

At 32 Mark is softspoken when he explains the impact law enforcement will have on drug traffic.

"We're not going to stop drug traffic — if the federal government can't stop it the state and local agencies aren't going to stop it. You take what you can and stop those that you can. In all honesty we aren't having much of an impact on stopping cocaine traffic."

Working undercover can be less dangerous than being on patrol, says Mark, which is not his real name. Undercover officers who "do their homework" know more about what they can expect than an officer on

the street who "stops an old lady for a traffic ticket and has a gun pulled on him."

WITHOUT THE uniform, undercover officers lose the feeling of authority.

"You're not a police officer for all practical purposes. You have to become someone that you aren't."

When he deals with street people his language and attitudes have to be rough, and when he's dealing with business people his mannerisms are upgraded.

"There's excitement in police work in general. There's a certain part of you that likes the excitement."

Working as an undercover officer is "constantly challenging you as an individual and you have to react and respond in different situations. Most undercover officers are confident, strong-willed people. Most can make decisions, have their own ideas and have confidence in their own ability."

They depend largely on informants. They "flip" mainly for the money police give them for tips, to have charges reduced or for revenge.

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Late tax fee penalty added

By Diane Gale
staff writer

For the first time in more than 20 years Canton will levy a collection fee for late taxes.

In the past, Canton waived the fee as did most other Wayne County communities.

Property taxes were due Dec. 1, 1986, and are payable without penalty through Feb. 17, 1987. Beginning Feb. 18 through Feb. 28, a 3 percent collection fee will be levied by Gerald Brown, township treasurer.

After March 1, delinquent taxes are collected by Wayne County. All delinquent tax payments will include a 4 percent collection fee with an additional 1 percent added each month.

In extenuating circumstances Canton will continue to waive the 3 percent collection fee, Brown said.

IN CASES where paying the fee would cause a hardship Brown will request Canton trustees waive the penalty fee. This will be done on a discretionary basis.

The change will go unnoticed by

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Cadet to be tried on Canton charges

By Sue Mason
staff writer

A suspended Dearborn Heights police cadet has been bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges stemming from a rape and robbery at a Canton Township flower shop last November.

Jeffrey Duncan, 22, appeared before Plymouth District Judge James Garber Friday afternoon in the last of six preliminary examinations on the charges stemming from a series of rapes and robberies at businesses in Westland, Livonia and Canton Township last year.

Duncan has been charged with armed robbery, two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony in the Nov. 11 holdup of Sparr's Florist Shop in Canton.

The one-hour hearing remained open to the public despite requests by attorneys that it be closed.

Michael Lebow, one of two attorneys representing Duncan, argued that pretrial publicity about the cases had endangered his client's right to a fair trial and would "affect the ability of a jury to render an impartial verdict."

GARBER REFUSED to grant the motion, pointing out that it has been his policy for 8 1/2 years not to close a hearing.

"I believe the elements (of this hearing) are well balanced between the public's right to know and Mr. Duncan's right to a fair trial," he said.

An 18-year-old Plymouth woman, who was working alone in the shop, identified Duncan as her assailant and testified that he was the man she saw enter the store moments after the manager had left and just 10 minutes before the store was to close.

She also testified that the defendant asked for a dozen of the shop's "highest priced roses" and requested she keep the store open another five minutes while he went

to his car to get some money.

WHEN HE returned, she was arranging the flowers in a box and looked up only after he "said no in a weird way" about including a card, she said.

She testified that he pointed a chrome-plated handgun at her, using his coat to shield it from view and, after taking about \$115 from the cash drawer, ordered her to open the safe.

After finding out there was no safe in the shop, she said she was ordered to walk to the back room, while her assailant locked the front door to the shop.

The young woman testified that she was forced to disrobe and perform several sex acts before her assailant took a gold nugget ring she was wearing and left the store.

She added that she screamed during the attack and was told to "shut up or I'll kill you."

During questioning by assistant Wayne County prosecutor Bart Smith, she said she went through with the sex acts because "I knew he had a gun" and that she was crying when her life was threatened "because it hurt and I was scared."

Lebow questioned the woman extensively about the description of her assailant she supplied police and the gun he was carrying as well as how closely she observed him prior to his announcing the robbery.

She said she looked at him "closely because of the very strange way he seemed to walk out of nowhere and into the store."

After her testimony, the judge ordered Duncan to stand trial in circuit court. The \$100,000 cash bond in the Canton case was continued and Duncan was returned to the Wayne County Jail, where he has been held in seclusion since his arrest by Westland police Dec. 19.

A total of 18 charges have been brought against Duncan. He will be arraigned Tuesday on all of the charges in circuit court.



Jeffrey Duncan, 22, a suspended Dearborn Heights police cadet, was escorted into 34th District Court Friday by Canton police detective Robert Sidor for the last of six preliminary examinations on charges stemming from a series of rapes and robberies in Livonia, Westland and Canton Township.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Police team uncover 'chop shop'

Michigan State Police, the Oakland Sheriff's Department and Canton Township Police, last week uncovered what they believe to be a "chop shop" where truck tractors were stolen, dismantled and sold from Van Buren Township in Wayne County.

Three men were arraigned Wednesday before Judge James Sheehy in 52nd District Court in Rochester Hills on charges of conspiring to steal truck tractors. Two of the suspects also were charged with

stealing two tractors Monday from a firm in Auburn Hills.

Raymond Stander, 40, and Mark Swayze, 28, both of Dearborn Heights, and Russel Larsh, a 31-year-old Livonia resident, were charged with conspiracy. Stander and Swayze also were charged with two counts each of stealing trucks.

The three face a Feb. 9 preliminary exam before Judge Robert Shipper in 52nd District Court.

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Billboard limits OK'd

Guidelines regulating the placement of billboards in Plymouth Township have been approved by the township board.

The township hadn't allowed billboards at all until taken to court by a billboard company.

Limits were established, the text amendment to the township code explains. "to control the number, location and size of signs to reduce their negative effects."

Major provisions:

- Limit billboards to land designated for industrial use along I-275 or M-14.
- Limit billboards to 378 square feet and temporary extensions to an additional 75 square feet.
- Limit billboards to 35 feet in height.
- Require at least 1,000 feet between billboards on the same side of the highway.

"Where they came from is the basic wisdom of township officials who are responsible," said Donald Morgan, a lawyer who drafted the guidelines.

Some provisions also can be found in the court-sanctioned agreement allowing National Advertising to erect billboards in the township, he said.

Morgan told the township board that he didn't know what effect the guidelines would have on another lawsuit filed by a different billboard company against the township.

"The purpose of this ordinance is to define what is allowable in the best judgment of this township and go ahead with it," he said.

Proliferation of signs in the township, the text says, "unduly distracts motorists and pedestrians, creates a traffic hazard, mars the appearance of the township, restricts light and air, negatively affects property values and results in an inappropriate use of land."

The text amendment also specifically defines flagpoles as structures and effectively limits heights in residential and commercial areas to 35 feet.

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Howard K. Walker, 85, regaled students with stories of what things were like when he attended Geer School as a boy.

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In Geer School to give students an 1880 view

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Geer School "didn't look natural" to Howard Walker, 85.

Walker, who graduated from Geer in 1918, along with generations of other Geer School graduates, former teachers, district and Ford Motor Co. officials attended festivities at the 107-year-old building Thursday.

All were celebrating the gift of \$8,000 from Blackwell Ford Inc. of Plymouth. The grant, part of Ford's metro-Detroit community beauti-

fication project, will go toward the restoration of Geer, on Ann Arbor Road at Gotfredson. Geer was used as a Plymouth-Canton elementary school until 1982.

PLANS CALL for the school to be renovated and used by area elementary pupils, who'll be given a week-long taste of school life in the 1880s, said Elaine Kirchgatter, former Plymouth-Canton school board member who serves on the Geer School Committee.

A robust and dapper Walker,

standing erect in the cramped, cold brick school, was regaling a circle of listeners with tales about earlier times.

"Our water was furnished by a pump. We all drank out of the same dipper and water pail. Back in those days, they weren't as particular about the spread of disease," he said. "A lot of us got mumps, chicken pox and whooping cough."

Walker, born on a farm a mile and a quarter from Geer, remembered wearing a suit to school, strict teachers, and studying "orthography. That's the sound of letters. They don't teach that today."

"We had to learn multiplication tables, and I wondered why I had to learn 'em," added Walker. "I thought that was a drag."

When Walker and his classmates were away from their slates, "We played Pom-Pom Pull-Away by the maple trees in the nice weather and Fox and Geese in winter. We had no gym. Our gym was out on the playground."

Walker, who with his wife, Edith, recently celebrated the couple's 63rd wedding anniversary, said he never got spanked and never fell in love during his days at Geer District-Fractional 4.

"It was a good boy. I still have my report cards," said Walker, who majored in rural education at Ypsilanti Normal and for 41 years taught in Plymouth, Lake Odessa and Detroit.

ELSEWHERE in the two-room school, a younger Geer alumnus was reminiscing about performing "Macbeth" a few feet away from where he stood.

Scott Breithaup, who attended Geer 1978-1982, said "going here was better than going to a big school. We knew everyone."

There was no mistaking the nostalgia Rita McClumpha, Geer's last teacher, was feeling.

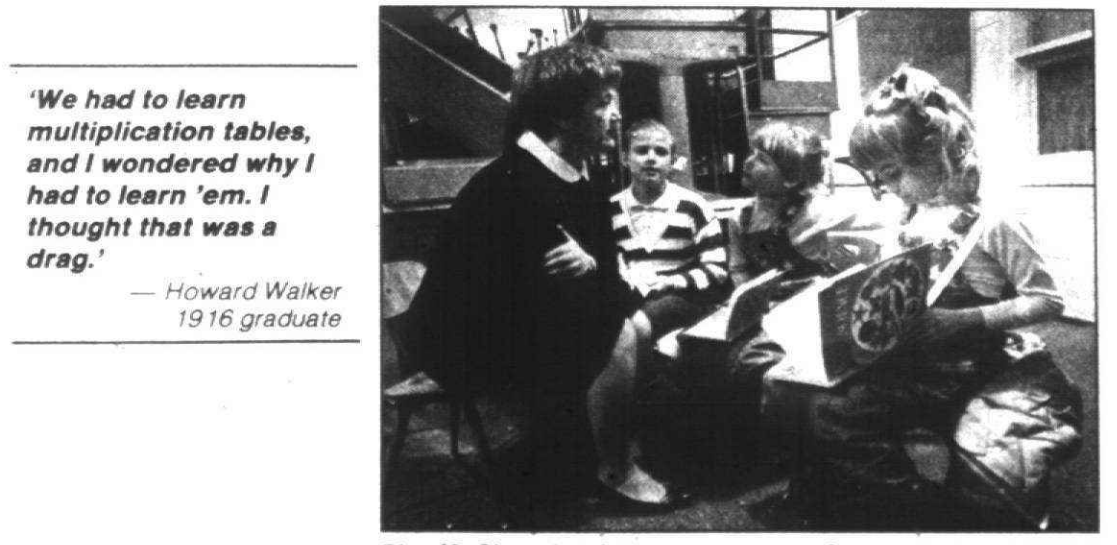
Geer's one-time windows were wooden, its ceiling tile crumbling. A shivering McClumpha was standing amid stacks of desks gazing at ripped and forgotten maps and papers.

"1982, when the school closed, was the end of an era," she said.

"I knew it was never going to come back again," said McClumpha, whose in-laws homesteaded in the area in the early 1880s.



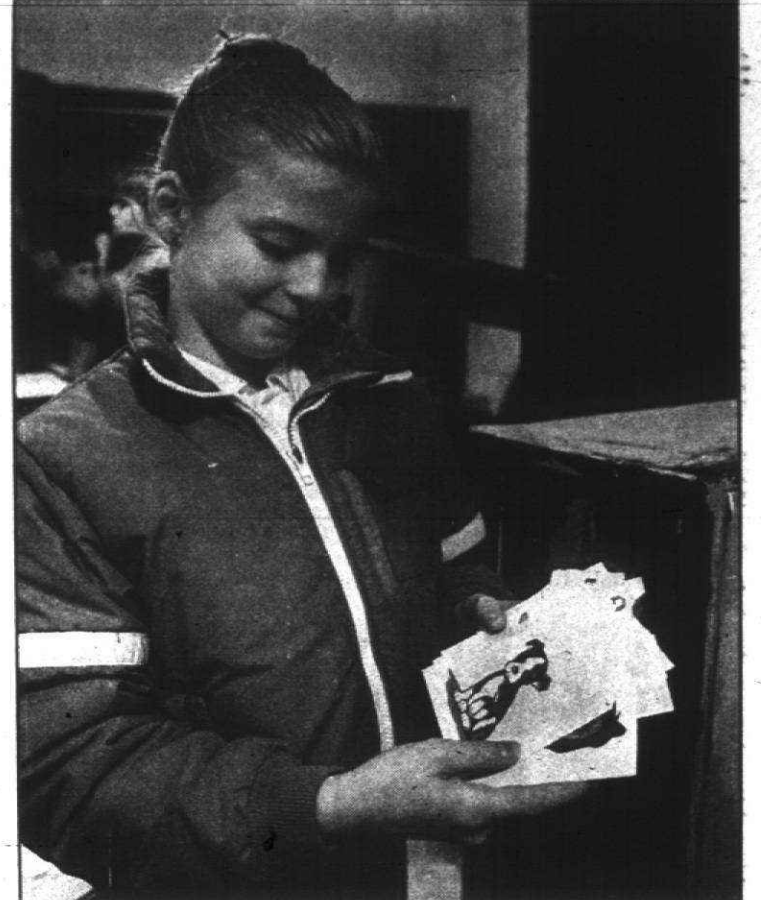
The Geer School playground served as a "gym" at the turn of the century.



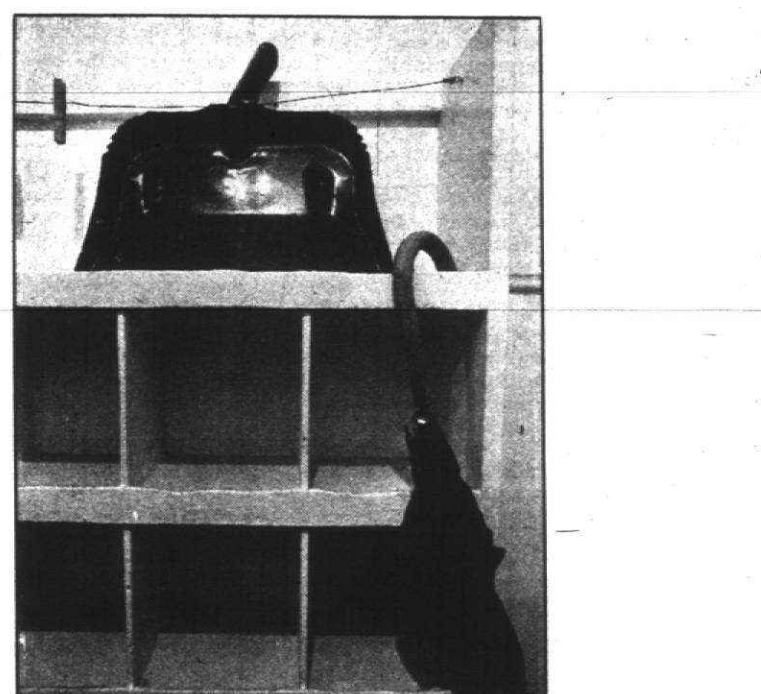
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— Howard Walker
1916 graduate

Rita McClumpha, former teacher at Geer, talks with Kalin, Meghan and Brienne Hesse while they look over books left at the school.



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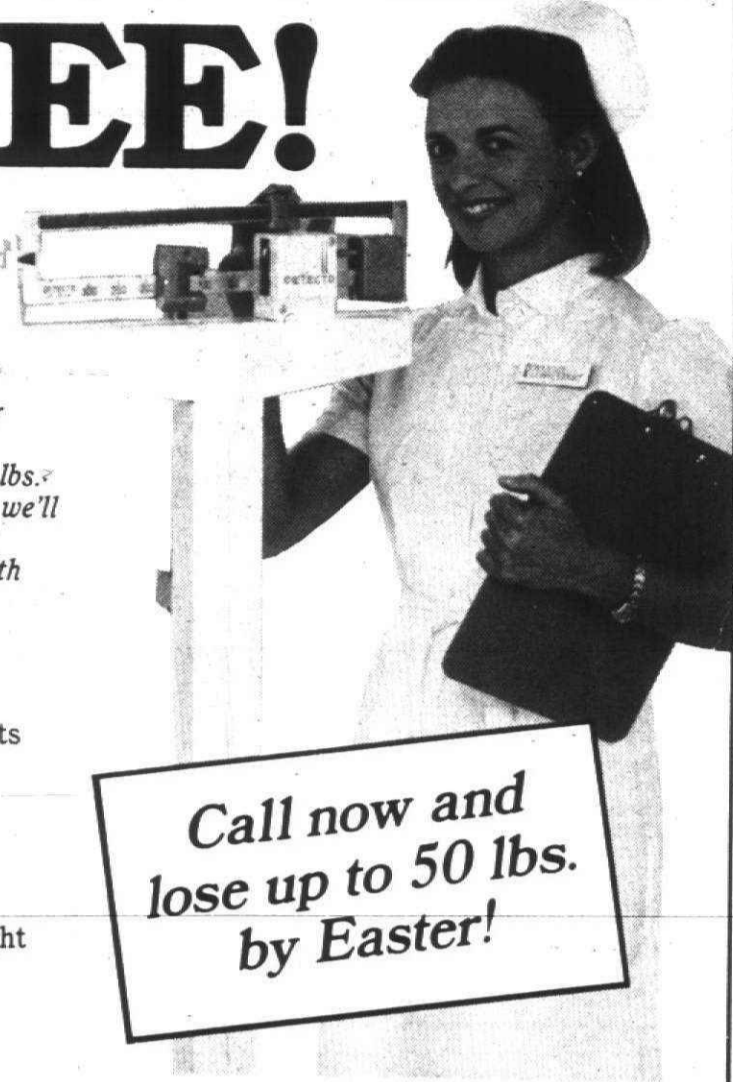
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Rocks fall, Chiefs roll in WLAA duels

Doug Buckler spoke cautiously and with concern after his Livonia Stevenson swim team clinched the Western Lakes Lakes Division title with a 102.5-69.5 win against Plymouth Salem Thursday night.

It was a colossal effort by the unbeaten Spartans. They won eight of the 11 events and placed 1-2 in five of them. But Buckler was leery.

"I don't know. I still say the league meet will be decided by 15 points between us and Salem and it could go either way," said the successful Stevenson coach. "It's real nice to win the division, but our goal is to win the league meet. I'm sure it's the same with Salem. This was a very good swim for us, but I bet this meet will do just as much good for them as it does for us. You get a lot out of a win, but you can get a lot out of a loss, too."

The Spartans assumed command of the meet Thursday with a 1-2-3 finish in the 50-yard freestyle. Chris Morasky, one of two double-event winners for Stevenson, placed first in 22.5. He was followed by Bob Butrico

(23.6) and Doug Coderre (23.7).

"That really got us going," Buckler said. "That was a 13-3 swing for us and it gave us momentum. After that the guys really believed they could win the meet."

Morasky (50.8) and Butrico (52.5) went 1-2 in the 100 freestyle. Mike Goeke (1:54.0) and Jeff Albert (1:54.1) went 1-2 in the 200 free. Joe Saunders (54.4) and Greg Jubenville (1:00.6) went 1-2 in the 100 butterfly. Steve Taormina (1:07.5) and Brian Cantoni (1:08.4) went 1-2 in the 100 breaststroke.

As if that weren't enough, Saunders also won the 100 backstroke (58.3) and the Spartans won both relays. Saunders, Taormina, Jubenville and Coderre won the 200 medley relay (1:46.0) while Morasky, Butrico, Coderre and Goeke won the 400 free relay (3:28.3).

Salem (5-2) got a double win from freshman Ron Orris. He won both the 200 individual medley (2:05.0) and the 500 free (4:55.8). Don Harwood was second in

swimming

the 200 IM (2:11.5). Kevin Tunich won diving for Salem with 218.5.

It was Stevenson's third straight Lakes Division title. The Spartans are 9-0 on the season. The Western Lakes conference meet is set for Feb. 25-27 at Plymouth Salem.

PLYMOUTH CANTON, for the first time in five years, beat Livonia Churchill in a dual meet. The Chiefs knocked Churchill out of first place in the Western Lake's Western Division Thursday with a convincing 113-59 win.

Barring an upset, Canton will host Farmington Harri-

son Thursday, Feb. 12, to decide the division championship.

"Churchill came in here pretty pumped up," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman. "Some of their kids had shaved and they were saying, 'We want you, we want you,' and stuff like that. And we murdered 'em. It was a lot of fun."

Dean Roberts won a pair of events for the Chiefs. He took the 200 IM (2:11.3) and the 100 backstroke (1:00.2). Both were big events for the Chiefs. They went 1-2 in the IM and 1-2-3 in the backstroke.

Bill Richter (197.0) and Keith Corley (179.4) went 1-2 in diving for the Chiefs.

For Churchill (5-3), Jeff Peterson won both the 200 free (1:56.5) and the 500 free (5:10.5). Geoff Hutchison won the 100 free (52.3) and Jeremy Findley won the 100 breaststroke (1:06.4). Churchill also won the 400 free relay (3:41.0).

Canton is 4-5 overall.

Canton bounces back; Rocks ease by Vikes

Good basketball teams bounce back strong after tough losses.

If that's true, then Plymouth Canton proved it was a good basketball team Friday night.

After a tough overtime loss to Plymouth Salem Tuesday, the Chiefs crushed Walled Lake Western Friday 70-49.

"You always worry about an emotional letdown after a tough game like we had the other night," said Canton coach Tom Niemi. "But we came out tonight, everybody played and we played well. The key was we applied continuous pressure right from the start. That got us rolling."

Sophomore Brian Paupore led the Chiefs with 23 points. Tyrone Reeves scored 18, Matt Littleton 10 and Jeff Anulewicz grabbed 16 rebounds.

The win keeps Canton tied with Farmington Harrison atop the Western Lakes Division standings. Both teams have 6-4 league records. Canton is 7-6 on the season.

For Western (3-7 in the league, 3-9), Kevin Walters scored 12, Erik Hall 11 and Mike Berling 10.

SALEM 63, W.L. CENTRAL 50: Plymouth Salem has reason to feel real good about this win.

First of all, any victory at Walled Lake Central is a hard-earned win. But Salem came into the game having played an overtime thriller with Canton Tuesday, a rugged up-tempo

basketball

clash with John Glenn last Friday and a physical battle with Farmington Harrison the Tuesday before that. The Rocks came out of that with a 3-1 record; few teams in the Western Lakes would do as well.

Mike Hale led the Rocks with 24 points. Rick Taylor (12) and Bryan Kearis (11) combined for another 23.

Kevin Harreld scored 11 to pace Central.

"We just kind of methodically spread the game out," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "It was a combination of us playing well and them being cold, especially from the line."

Central made 8 of 21 free throws. Salem made 3 of its nine chances from the line.

The Rocks are 9-1 in the league and 11-2 overall.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 79, TROY ZION 62: The Eagles were just too powerful for winless Zion Friday night at Central Middle School.

The Eagles' balanced scoring attack — Pat McCarthy (27 points), Andy Stephens (19), Steve Windle (11) and Jeff Leach (13) — offset a

41-point effort by Troy's Dave Bauss.

Plymouth Christian is 11-1 this season.

North upended

Those who ignore the lessons of history are bound to make the same mistakes twice.

The Livonia Stevenson basketball team put that old axiom to good use Friday night, knocking off visiting Western Lakes foe North Farmington 58-45.

North had beaten the Spartans earlier this season, 52-44, and Stevenson didn't forget.

"When they beat us earlier this season they scored a lot of points with their inside game," said Stevenson assistant coach Tim Newman. "We wanted to shut down their inside people today and we did."

In the first North-Stevenson clash, Rick Karcher scored 11 points and grabbed 18 rebounds. Friday, Karcher was limited to four points. Frontcourt mate Chuck Howard tossed in five. The bulk of North's attack came from the guards: Rob Knapp (12) and Mark Taylor (six).

Meanwhile, Stevenson's forward tandem of Eric Johnson and Bill Gray scored 10 points each. Senior guard Pete Mazzoni led all scorers with 19 points.

"We played a real sagging zone defense in the second half that worked well," Newman said. "We limited them to just one or two shots most of the time. Rich Gregor did a nice job on the boards."

Also, Stevenson was 14 of 20 from the free throw line. North was 3 of 8.

The win puts Stevenson at 6-4 in the Western Lakes and 7-5 overall. North falls to 4-6 in the conference, 5-7 overall.

HARRISON 61, FRANKLIN 40: Farmington Harrison jumped out to a 33-15 lead after the first half Friday at Livonia Franklin and then emptied its bench.

Nearly everyone contributed for the Hawks, who are tied for first with Plymouth Canton in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Conference. Brian Hoskins scored 11 points and Brad Ridgeway 10. Scott Bissell and Chad Burgess each scored eight. Gary Schwedt added four points, five assists and four steals.

Mick Menard led Franklin with 10. Tom Shea scored seven.

Harrison outscored the Patriots 21-4 from the free throw line.

The Hawks are 6-4 in the league, 7-5 overall. Franklin is 1-9, 1-11.

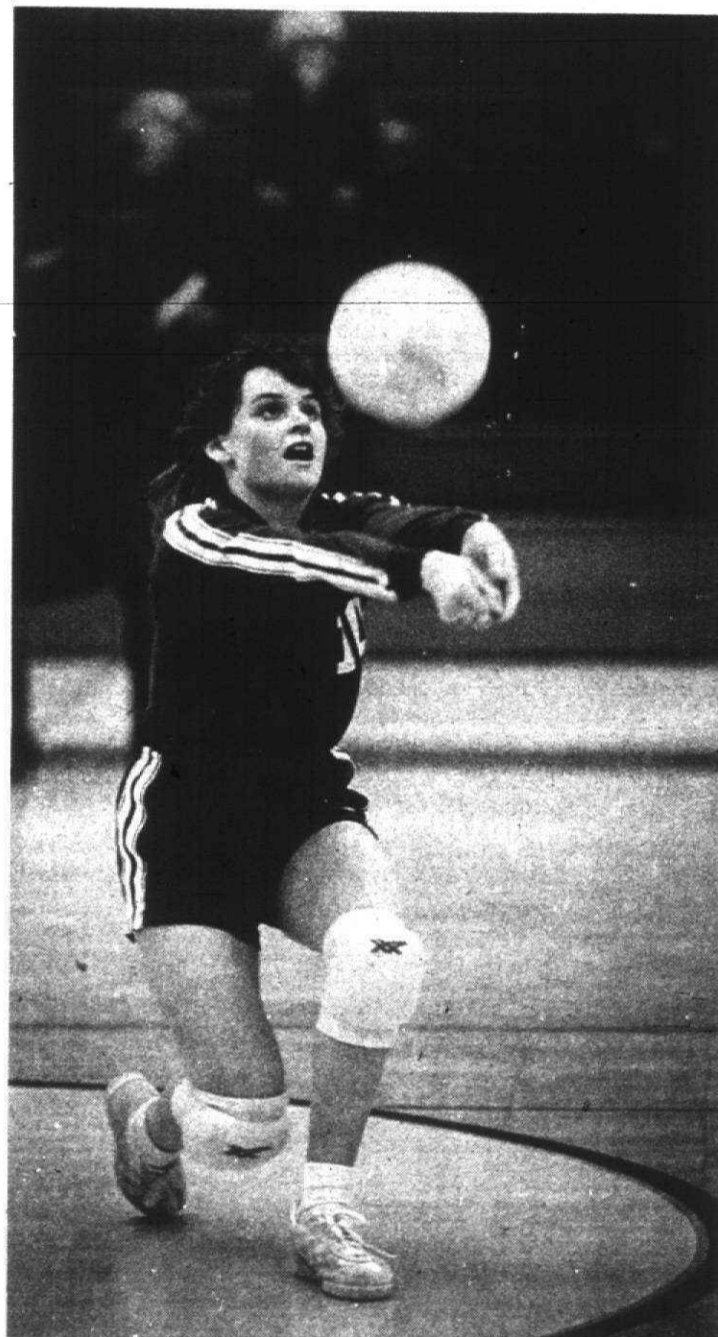
JOHN GLENN 83, FARMINGTON 34: The Western Lakes Lakes Division leaders keep right on rolling.

Undeclared Westland John Glenn treated the home folks to a rout at the expense of Farmington Friday night. Steve Hawley led the onslaught with 23 points. Andy Grazulis added 14 points and 12 rebounds. Greg Bates and Dave Schnepel each scored nine. Kevin Wilson and Marcus Lowe dished out five assists each.

Steve Howell scored 10 to pace Farmington (1-9 in the league, 1-12 overall). The Rockets have now won 12 straight.

ST. AGATHA 70, ST. HEDWIG 68 (OT): Kevin Rich played the hero role Friday for host Redford St. Agatha.

Rich, a 6-4 senior center, drained a jumper from the foul line at the buzzer to send the Catholic League C-D Division game into overtime. Then, with time running out in OT, Rich hit one from eight feet out to put the Aggies up for good. Pat Boyle added two free throws to clinch the win.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Kara Cummings bumps one up during Plymouth Salem's two-game setback to North Farmington Wednesday night.

Salem, Canton spiked

North Farmington's volleyball team ran the gamut on emotion last week.

A strong performance at the Wayne Memorial Invitational (the Raiders advanced to the quarterfinals) was washed out when team captain Terry Spengler went down with a knee injury. She was to have surgery late last week.

The Raiders were bopped Monday by a strong Walled Lake Central team in two unusually quick games, 15-3, 15-8.

But on Wednesday the Raiders got back to form, defeating Plymouth Salem 15-11, 15-7.

"Plymouth Salem got everything back," said North coach Sandy Lubieniecki. "They are scrappy. Whatever we hit at them they returned."

But the Raiders' strong net play eventually wore the Rocks out.

Tammy Spengler was a perfect 15 for 15 at the net with six kills. Suzi Butcher was 8 of 10 with three kills. Butcher was also 9 for 9 from the service corner with three aces.

Kelly Coulson, a sophomore, gave the Raiders a big lift. She came off the bench to provide 11 successful serves good for 10 points.

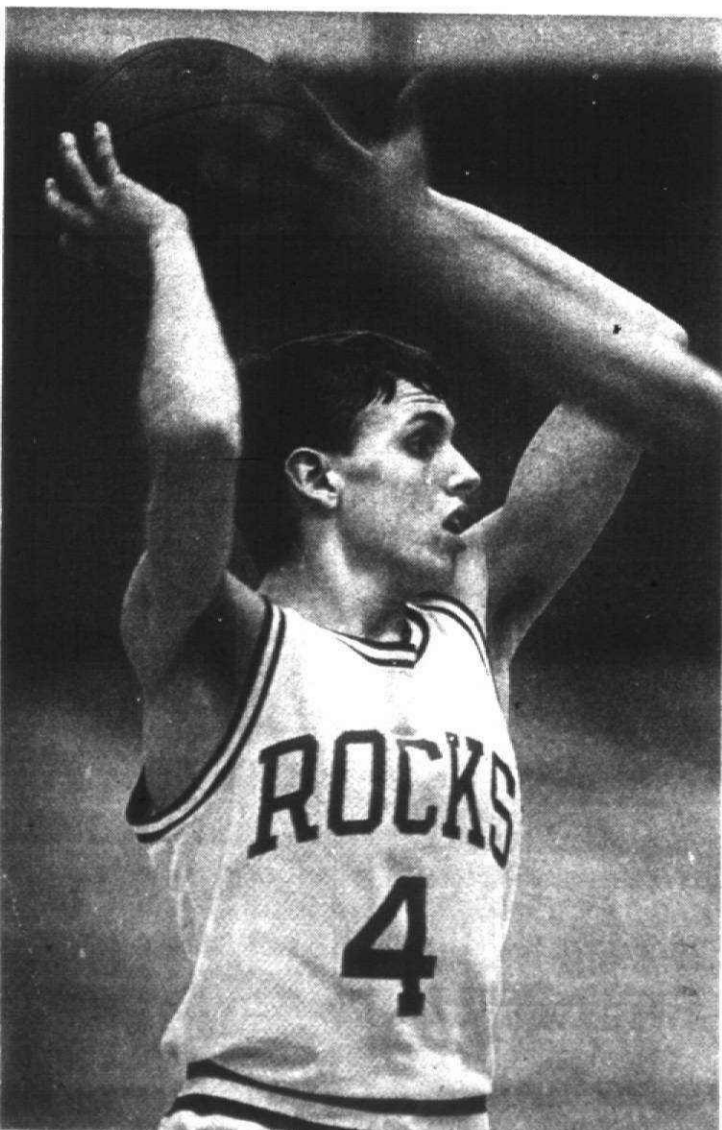
The win puts North at 4-2 in the Western Lakes, 15-6 overall. Salem is 2-4 in the league, 4-7 overall.

FARMINGTON HARRISON displaced Plymouth Canton in short order Wednesday. The Hawks rolled 15-3, 15-3.

"What can I say, we couldn't do anything wrong," said Harrison coach Ron Shortt, whose team was drubbed by Livonia Churchill on Monday. "We played a real good game and everybody contributed."

Janine Whitemore and Theresa Spiz led the way. Whitemore had eight successful spikes with seven kills. Spiz was 3 for 3.

The Hawks are 3-3 in the Western Lakes, 12-6 overall. Canton is winless in the Western Lakes.



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Bryan Kearis, pictured during a game earlier this season, tossed in 11 points to help Salem win at Walled Lake Central Friday night.

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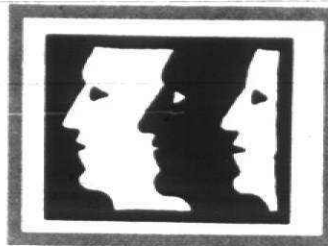
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"Who's the fairest?" is the question of Queen Braggamore, played by Sharon Belobraidich (left). Witch Hex is played by Pam Dean.

Showpiece

Play's anything but dopey, sleepy

WHEN THE CURTAIN goes up, it will be "heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to work we go" for this group.

Actually, the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women has been hard at work for quite some time now, preparing for the production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." This is the 27th annual live theatrical production of the local AAUW.

Public performances of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12-13 and at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 14 in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School. The play's interest level is considered ideal for youngsters 3 through 9 — and for the young at heart.

Ticket sales will be held at the



Doc is played by Carol Wallman. This is the 27th annual live production for the Plymouth AAUW.

Plymouth-Canton elementary schools first thing in the morning Feb. 4-5. All remaining tickets will be available beginning Feb. 6 at the Rainbow Shop in Plymouth. Ticket price is \$1.50.

THE CAST includes a number of AAUW members, with Becky Copenhaver appearing as Snow White. Sharon Belobraidich will play Queen Braggamore and Elaine Aron will play Prince Michael.

The ladies-in-waiting will be played by Pat Dunbeck, Karen Huddas, Sally Hamerink, Janice Seluk and Jan Carson. Kathy Harenda will appear as Sir Dandiprat Bombas and Karen Lambert will play the huntsman.

Pam Dean will play Witch Hex and Sylvia Rozian will play the peddler woman. The dwarfs will be played by Carol Wallman, Sue Silletti, Helene Lusa, Esther Nelson, Nancy Quinn, Doris Fedus and Diane Gaubatz.

The "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" production also involves a number of people working behind the scenes. Those include: Coralyne Riley, director; Sue Silletti, producer; Sally Rowland, business manager; Gerry Dugan, house manager; Sally Fedus, stage manager; Kathy Squires, tickets; Carol Davis, benefit performance.

OTHERS INVOLVED behind the scenes are: Bonnie Mallon, publicity;

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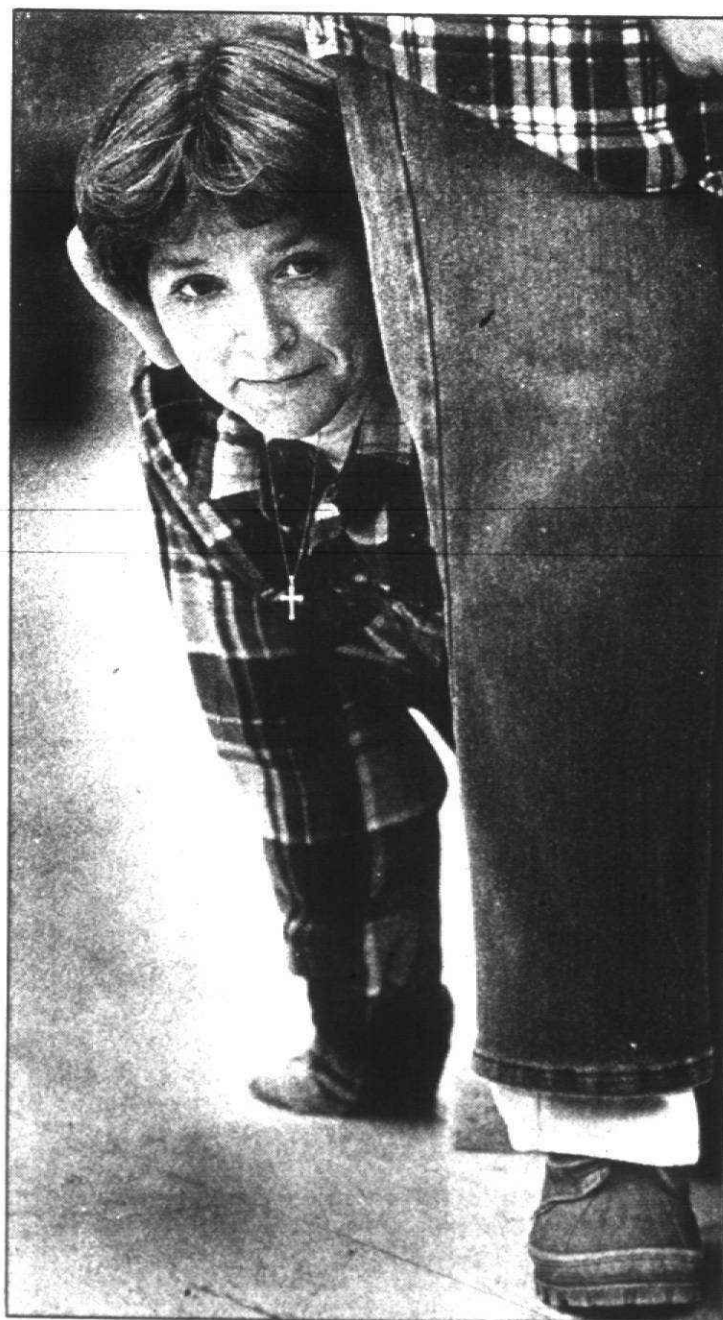


The dwarfs discover Snow White, played by Becky Copenhaver.

Mable Partain, poster design; Lynne Homes and Sue Sayers, poster distribution to nursery schools; Helene Lusa, poster distribution to Garden City; Margaret Freiwald, poster distribution to Northville; Gretchen Buslepp, printing.

Others are: Kathy Harenda and

Judi Richards, set construction and props; Pat Dunbeck and Barb Greanya, costumes; Helene Lusa, makeup; Jan Carson, music; Sharon Flower, cast luncheon; Hila Collins, communications; and Gloria Foust, flier distribution to non-public schools.



Diane Gaubatz appears as Dopey in the Plymouth AAUW production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Handling life's ups and downs

By Julie Brown
staff writer

There are good ways and bad ways of coping with stress.

Healthy ways of coping with stress include exercising, participating in recreational activities and talking things out. Even crying can help.

"Crying is really important," said Carolyn Stark, director of the Catherine McAuley Health Center Employee Assistance Program.

"Sometimes it's hard for people to give themselves permission to cry." Men in particular have a difficult time recognizing that it's OK to cry, she said.

Unhealthy ways of coping include overeating, ignoring the problem or taking it out on others. Abusing drugs and drinking too much alcohol are also unhealthy ways of coping.

"Alcohol is so readily available and so promoted as a way to cope when you're having pressure," Stark said during a Wednesday afternoon program at the Canton Recreation Center.

Stark's presentation, "Depression: How to Keep From Staying Down," was part of a Wednesday open house at the Canton Recreation Center.

IN ADDITION to her presentation, Canton Seniors ate lunch and enjoyed a performance by the Canton Seniors Kitchen Band. Hypertension screening, courtesy of the Oakwood Hospital Volunteer Guild, was also part of the day's activities.

Stark talked about the difference between ongoing depression and the normal ups and downs of daily life. Depression involves long-term feelings of hopelessness, helplessness and despair.

"I'm not talking about feelings of sadness, which come and go for everyone."

Depression may involve a grief reaction, such as that following the loss of a loved one. A person dealing with such a loss will go through several stages.

Feelings of denial will be followed by those of anger. Hopelessness and despair will then appear, followed by feelings of guilt and eventual relative acceptance of the loss.

Although some people are devastated by such a loss and can't function, others will appear to be much more in control of things, Stark said. Each person's method of coping with such a loss is different.

Those who are dealing with a short-term crisis may wish to get professional help, she said. Friends, family and church can also help people cope with such crises.

"It passes, and the person recovers. They go on with their life."

ONGOING DEPRESSION involves a number of symptoms, Stark said. Those include reduced productivity, loss of appetite, isolation and withdrawal from people and a number of other symptoms.

In some cases, depression is treated with anti-depressant medications, Stark said, but for most situations, such medications aren't needed. A tranquilizer, such as Valium, may be given for a short time.

"Those kinds of drugs can lead to dependency." The use of such drugs should be closely monitored to avoid dependency, she said.

For more severe mood swings associated with manic-depressive disorders, lithium carbonate may be used.

"That has to be closely monitored by a physician because it's a very strong drug with side effects."

Depression associated with drug use can involve prescription drugs. Some blood pressure medications can contribute to depression. It's important to report such reactions to a doctor, Stark said.

'That's when you really need to take some action steps to find out what the problem is.'

— Carolyn Stark

"There's always a reason for it." Learning to cope with stress is a lifelong process, according to Stark. Building up coping skills is essential.

SOME RESEARCH has shown that depression can weaken the body's immune system.

"It's just another way of keeping healthy."

The stress cycle begins with a stressful event. Such events aren't always negative, according to Stark. A promotion on the job or a vacation, for example, can be a source of stress.

People's thoughts, beliefs and perceptions about such stressful events have a lot to do with their reactions, she said. Response to stress can include physical signs — such as a driver's increased heartbeat following a near-miss on the expressway.

In such short-term stressful situations, the stress passes and the person recovers. Long-term stress, however, means that the stress response is constantly being activated. Headaches, fatigue, nervousness and depression are likely results.

It's important to be aware of the early symptoms of depression, according to Stark.

"That's when you really need to take some action steps to find out what the problem is."

COPING WITH such stressful events can include changing your thoughts, beliefs and perceptions. Changing your attitudes has a lot to do with changing reactions, she said.

It's also possible to change your physiology, Stark said. Relaxation techniques, a well-balanced diet, meditation and exercise can help people cope more effectively with stress.

Changing your environment is also a way to cope. A trip south to a warmer location, for example, can help lift your spirits this time of year.

"Changing your environment may also mean improving the relationships with others," Stark said. Changing relationships with other people — by learning to be assertive, for example — can help.

It's easy to feel all alone in the world, Stark said. It's important to remember, however, that others may feel the same way.

"Maybe you really need to pick up the phone and make the first move."

Stark's presentation on depression was followed by a performance by the Canton Seniors Kitchen Band, one of several activities held throughout the day during the Wednesday open house.

The open house was held to recognize the renovations made at the Canton Recreation Center, said Diane Neihengen, senior citizens coordinator for Canton Township.

A back room was added to the center, and its kitchen and bathrooms were renovated with funds received from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging and community development block grants.

The renovation work began in the late spring of 1986 and was completed in the fall, Neihengen said. There had been talk about holding the open house before Christmas, but a decision was made to wait until after the holidays.

Approximately 125 people came to the open house at the Canton Recreation Center.

"It's been very busy, but it's been very satisfying," she said of the day's celebration.



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