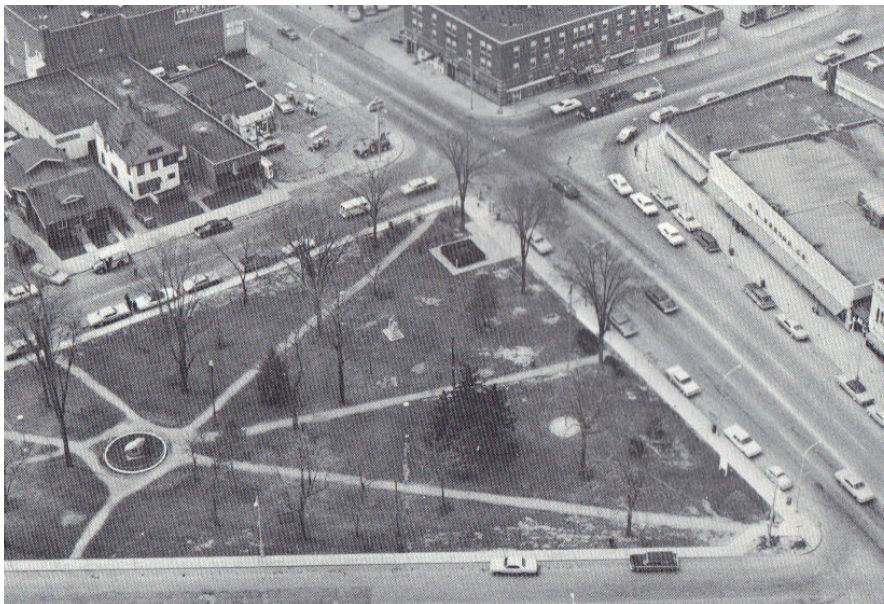


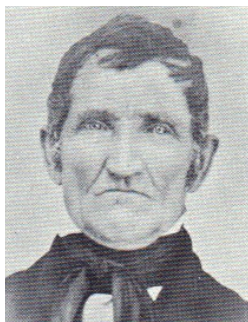
October-December 2021

Plymouth's Historic Kellogg Park

OUR TIME, OUR HISTORY.
PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN



An aerial photo of Kellogg Park in 1966. The focal point of the park was a large boulder, christened "Plymouth Rock." In 1969, the boulder was replaced with a fountain. In 1985, the fountain was enhanced thanks to a generous donation from long-time Plymouth residents Calvin and Charlotte Perry. In 2021, a new fountain was built in Kellogg Park, funded by a substantial donation from the Jack Wilcox Foundation. The Kellogg Park fountain is one of most recognizable landmarks in Plymouth.



*John Kellogg
1786–1871*

Prior to 1858, Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth was fenced-in and used for traveling circuses and hot air balloon ascensions. The park is named in honor of John Kellogg, who was born in 1786, and arrived in Plymouth from Palmyra, NY, in 1834. In 1835, after building a home on today's Ann Arbor Trail, Kellogg purchased several parcels of land in the village and donated some of his properties to be used as public parks, including his property in the village center. Kellogg Park was called Village Green until 1909.

A commentary published in the Plymouth Mail, December 1966, highlighting the value of Plymouth's historic Kellogg Park as an early American Tradition.

Kellogg Park Symbol Of Pioneer Tradition

One of the questions most often asked by folks born and raised in the middle west on their first visit to our quiet little city of Plymouth is "What is the idea of a park in the heart of the downtown area? Isn't that better suited to business – and the development of a more complete shopping center?"

These are good questions, but the fact is that Kellogg Park – right in the heart of the downtown area – carries out an age old tradition brought here from the East.

When the first settler arrived in the New England area and started to establish their new world they built around what they termed a "Commons" or a "Village Green".

As folks moved west some brought the "Commons" idea with them and even though it wasn't always a grass plot, it was a square in the center of the business area where one could "speak his piece". In Detroit, for example, there is Cadillac Square – a concrete area in which many gatherings have been held – and the adjacent Kennedy Square where many of our presidential candidates have opened their campaigns.

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Monthly Drawing

Lori Hemingway, Pam Piendel, and Mary Ann Desjarlais are the respective winners of the October, November, and December drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.

Kroger Plus Card Donations



Thank you to those who have added the Plymouth Historical Society to their **Kroger Plus Card**. The Museum receives a small percentage from any purchases made by those who have an up-to-date registration on their cards.

To participate in the program, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll."

You must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate. If you need help, give us a call at 734-455-8940 ext. 9. We'll be happy to help you get enrolled.

New Members—Welcome!

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 THE PLYMOUTH
 HISTORICAL MUSEUM



Become a Member

The Plymouth Historical Museum is a privately funded 501(c)3 charitable organization. We receive no government funding. We always have a "wish list" of things that help us as we work to preserve and share the history of Plymouth.

Here are some of our common purchases to provide inspiration:

- 1 Roll Postage Stamps **\$58 per**
- IT/Network support **\$300**
- ½ month heating bill **\$375**
- ½ month electric bill **\$475**
- 1 month employee salary **\$600**

To donate, make your check payable to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Bits 'n Pieces

By Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director

This has been an interesting year, as I'm sure our members can attest. The Plymouth Historical Museum has been open all year, our usual hours and event tempo. Student groups returned in November, so nearly everything is back to normal here. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Enchanted Winter Wonderland event in early December because of low ticket sales. But the following weekend we saw Simply Dickens perform for the 12th year in a row and had the biggest audience to date! Thanks to our sponsor, Mayflower Towing, for helping us bring Simply Dickens to the Museum again.




the week of Christmas, and we are only \$275 shy of that goal! You are amazing! On behalf of the Museum Board of Directors, I would like to whole-heartedly thank you for your donations!

In addition, we are actively seeking sponsors for events and activities in 2022. The business community in and around Plymouth is once again stepping up and sponsoring some of our

events, such as the Super Hero Encounter advertised below. Thanks to Caviston Insurance Agency! And again in 2022, Tenneco will sponsor a month of Free Summer Saturdays!

If you would like to sponsor an event, please contact me at 734-455-8940 x9 or director@plymouthhistory.org. We still have plenty of opportunities available.





SUPER HERO ENCOUNTER

FEBRUARY 26, 2022


1 - 4 PM TOURS START EVERY 15 MINUTES

TICKETS GO ON SALE JANUARY 3, AND CAN BE PURCHASED HERE OR ONLINE






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Fundraising

Our members and the Plymouth Community continue to amaze with the level of generosity and support that we receive.

Our annual appeal letter went out in September and we told you that our fundraising goal this year is \$19,000. This is being written

Ticket Sale Dates for Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Members	Public
Jan 25	Members-only Preview	Now	
Feb 26	Super Hero Encounter	Now	Jan. 3
Mar 27	From Bloomers to Bikinis Tea	Jan. 24	Feb. 7
Apr 23	Ghosts of Plymouth Walk	Feb. 7	Feb. 21
May 1	Let Down Your Hair Tea	Mar. 7	Mar. 21

- Artifacts from Lincoln's youth
- Rare book belonging to Lincoln as a boy
- Rare family genealogy and photographs
- Handwritten legal documents and law books
- Life mask of Lincoln made in 1860
- Civil War art
- Lock of Lincoln's hair
- Artifacts from the Lincoln assassination

Weldon Petz Abraham Lincoln Exhibit

Fun & Educational
Field Trips

Opened in 2002, the Abraham Lincoln Exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum is a result of the lifetime collection amassed by Dr. Weldon Petz. Classes and tours are available by trained Museum guides and teachers.



Donations Received September – November 2021 Thank You!

Thank you for the following generous donations that were received between September and November 2021:

The Lincoln (\$1,000+)

Chris Huffman
Richard Raison
Carol Richmond
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The Starkweather (\$500–\$999)

Sharon Belobraidich
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Rich Realty

Plymouth Ghosts (\$500)

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Joe & Ellen Elliott
C. L. Finlan & Son Insurance
Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

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Caviston Insurance Agency
E & E Manufacturing

65 Years Ago
November 1956



Plymouth Days Gone By

Compiled by Gerry Sabatini from the newspaper archives at the
Plymouth District Library

80 Years Ago
December 1941
Plymouth Mail

Over 400 Boys From This City Now in Service

**Well Over 100
Have Enlisted in
Army and Navy**

From the city of Plymouth and this vicinity there are now 399 boys in military service!

This big total, however, does not include the enlistments that have been made during the past six weeks, so it is probable that the total number stands nearer 500 than it does 400.

That big total comes from a city of but little over 5,000 population!

Predictions are made that by the end of another year the total will be near a thousand.

All Citizens to Register by Dec. 31

**Headquarters Open
At City Hall Daily**

Plans for the mobilization of volunteers in Plymouth for an all-out defense effort were completed at a meeting of the local Civilian Defense Council at the city hall Saturday morning. The Council appeals for the 100 per cent registration of Plymouth citizens for civilian defense work by December 31. Defense headquarters in the city hall will be open to accept registrations every day including Sunday, with the exception of Christmas day, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Victory Meeting Speakers Urge United Effort

**Warn of Danger to
Civilians; No Early
Victory Can Be
Expected, Says Isbey**

— America faces a tremendous task—it faces troubled days and months—it faces suffering and death and destruction of property—it faces bombings—yes, this very section of Wayne county faces death dealing bombs dropped from giant aircrafts that are flown high above the clouds.

America faces many, many heartaches before victory is finally won—but win AMERICA WILL!

That is what Frank N. Isbey, chairman of the Michigan Defense Bond committee, intensely loyal American, who by his driving ability and tireless energy has kept Michigan in first place among all the states in Defense Bond purchases, told a most interested audience at the high school auditorium Monday night.

He briefly reviewed events that led to the world catastrophe and finally engulfed the United States, a nation that sought by every honorable means at its command to preserve the peace.

Not in years, probably never before, did Plymouth residents ever hear a more patriotic appeal for support of their government in the greatest crisis this nation has ever faced, than that delivered by Mr. Isbey. There was no gusto about it. His address was a mildly delivered recital of cold facts that struck home with tremendous force.

Gloomy Days Ahead Before War Is Won

December 8, 1941, the United States Congress declared war on the Empire of Japan in response to Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Following the U.S. declaration, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States, bringing the United States fully into World War II. Every man and woman in the Plymouth community, between the ages of 18 and 65, were called upon to register for civilian defense duty.



**Red Cross Opens
War Relief Drive
Saturday, Dec. 27**

**Corps of Volunteers
Needed to Canvass
Funds for \$5,000 Goal**

The American Red Cross will open its drive for the War Relief Fund in Plymouth Saturday, December 27 to raise a goal of \$5,000, a war emergency fund four times larger than ever solicited in the history of the organization. Edwin Schrader is general chairman of the Plymouth Red Cross campaign.

70 Years Ago
November 1951
Plymouth Mail

Thousands Extend Warm Welcome to Kresge Store

Plymouth business men, residents and nearby neighbors of this fast growing city, last Friday and Saturday turned out by the thousands to extend to officials and employees of the beautiful new S. S. Kresge company store in Plymouth such a cordial welcome as only Plymouth can extend.

Within minutes after Mayor Floyd A. Tibbitts cut the ribbon which formally marked the opening of one of the most modern and complete stores of its kind in Michigan, customers overflowed the entire store. From that minute until the store closed Saturday afternoon, there was never an idle moment for the clerks and personnel of the company who were present to greet the residents of Plymouth and vicinity.

"Never did we expect anything like what this opening proved to be. The numbers of our visitors went far beyond all expectations" said M. W. Kirkpatrick, manager of the largest store of its kind in this part of Wayne county.



Photo of Kresge store on S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth, circa 1953.

41 Years Ago
1980

At right is a classic photo of the 1965 Bristol, England, double decker bus that was owned by the city of Plymouth during the 1980s. The bus was used for special events and rented for chartered services to Tiger Stadium and to Greenfield Village. The British icon required careful attention when the driver was maneuvering the bus. The driver seat was on the right side of the bus, the passenger doors were on the left side facing traffic, and the height of the bus did not fit under the railroad bridge on Ann Arbor Road. Image from the Plymouth Historical Museum archives.



The reconditioned 1965 Bristol, England, double decker bus is parked in front of Plymouth City Hall; circa 1980s.

Points In Plymouth History

53 Years Ago
1968

City Historian's Choices



Sam Hudson
1911-1988

Speaking before the Rotary Club Friday, Sam Hudson, official historian of the City of Plymouth, listed what he termed "the 10 turning points" in the history of the Plymouth community.

Going into the most minute detail in his reasons for the selections he listed them as follows:

1. Selection of the name of Plymouth in 1827.
2. Establishment of Kellogg Park, known as Plymouth Green in 1835.
3. Establishment of city boundaries--no official date known.
4. Coming of the railroad in 1870.
5. One man's vote to bring about the Daisy Air Rifle Company.
6. The major fire of 1893.
7. Partition of Plymouth Township in 1898.
8. Arrival of Burroughs Corporation in 1937.
9. Extension of Detroit water lines to Plymouth Township in 1959.
10. Judge Victor Baum's ruling declaring part of city charter unconstitutional in 1967.

60 Years Ago
November 1961
Plymouth Mail



Jean's Jottings

In November 1961, the Plymouth Historical Society held its annual dinner. Eight 20-pound turkeys were cooked to feed 200 guests. Jean Campau, a popular columnist for the Plymouth Mail, featured the event in her widely read women's column.

By Jean Campau, Women's Editor

Last Thursday the Plymouth Historical Society held their annual dinner, a pre-Thanksgiving feast, complete with all the trimmings.

It seems appropriate that the Society whose goal is dedicated to preserving the rich past of Plymouth should have sponsored this kind of a dinner. For what is Thanksgiving but a national observance to not only count our blessings but a reminder, also, of our Nation's heritage.

It took eight 20 pound gobblers to feed the 200 guests as well as untold quantities of dressing, potatoes, cranberries, vegetables and salad.

Everything was cooked in the kitchen of the junior high except the home-made apple pies which some of the Society ladies brought from their ovens at home.

Overseeing the giant effort of cooking for this king-sized group of diners was Ernie Henry. He was assisted by Harry Brown and Sidney Strong. Mrs. Harry Reeves supervised the serving, table decorations and the young ladies in the advanced Home Economics class of the high school who helped her.

Frank Henderson, master of ceremonies, introduced to the guests some of the newer members of the Society along with some of the charter organizers including Karl Starkweather, Sam Spicer and Clarence Stevens. Mr. Stevens, at 96, is the eldest active member of the Historical Society.

It must have been a great source of pride to Mrs. Bonnie Shattuck Garlett to hear guest speaker, Dr. Phillip Mason read the beautifully written letters of one of her Civil War ancestors, in his address.

Lt. Lucius Shattuck killed at Gettysburg, served with Co. C, 24th Infantry in the renown Iron Brigade. It was in this Company that the majority of Plymouth men served during the War between the States. Plymouth's role in this strife was the subject of Dr. Mason's talk.

The Historical Society, now in its 13th year, is preparing to open a museum in the near future. In it will be mementoes, records and artifacts representing the people who, throughout the years, have helped make Plymouth what it is today.

Currently there are over 100 names on the membership, 15 of which joined following last week's dinner. To obtain membership in this enthusiastic and worthwhile group one need subscribe only one dollar.

70 Years Ago
November 1951
Plymouth Mail

Public Invited to See New Mayflower Room

Without question the Mayflower can now boast of having probably the most beautiful dining rooms of any hotel of its size in the country. It is not only a place of beauty, but its decorations, and its furnishings bring to life again the historic period when the names of Mayflower and Plymouth were being written into pages of American history.

Ten paintings by famed artists depicting events of early Plymouth colony history have been made a permanent part of the decorations of the walls of the room.

The woodwork of the finest type of early American style and produced by the Henry Penhale wood products plant of Plymouth is in itself a work of art. A prominent furniture designer of Grand Rapids, a recent visitor at the Mayflower, declared the woodwork of the new Mayflower Room was among the finest he had ever seen.

Manager Ralph Lorenz, who has for years dreamed of creating a dining room depicting Pilgrim, Plymouth and Mayflower history, and who has devoted months and months to accumulating accurate data, has not overlooked a single detail in the masterful work that is now being completed.

Not only has the Mayflower created a dining room that will for years to come reflect credit and honor to this city, but Mr. Lorenz has also refinished and newly decorated most of the rooms of the hotel.

The public is also invited to see these rooms on their visit to the hotel Sunday afternoon.

They will see the reason why the Mayflower last year registered more than 18,000 guests and why the total this year will jump to more than 22,000.

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Calendar of Events

Events are at the Museum unless otherwise specified.
Tickets can be found at <http://plymouthhistory.org/events/upcoming-events/>.

- January 1** Museum closed—Happy New Year!
January 9 Last day, “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” special exhibit.
January 10-25 Museum closed for exhibit changeover.
January 25 Members-only Preview, 6-8 PM.
January 26 “Connecting at the Speed of Life” special exhibit opens, honoring 50 years of WSDP. Sponsors: WSDP, Comcast, Joe & Ellen Elliott.
February 26 Super Hero Encounter, 1-4 PM. Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/super-hero-encounter-tickets-203190045897>. Members call Museum to reserve tickets beginning Dec. 20; tickets available to public Jan. 3. Sponsored by Caviston Insurance Agency.

Rent a Room for Your Next Function

The Plymouth Historical Museum is the ideal setting for wedding, showers, receptions, corporate functions, funeral luncheons, and many other events. Our Sanford Burr Meeting Room can comfortably seat up to 100 people and has wireless Internet access. Prices are reasonable, and for an additional fee, rental includes use of the kitchen. For information, visit the Museum or phone 734-455-8940.

