

January-March 2022

## ‘Connecting at the Speed of Life’

This exhibit honors the 50th anniversary of WSDP 88.1 The Park, the student radio station of the Plymouth Canton Educational Park. The exhibit includes a mockup of the WSDP studio from the 1970s.

There are also vignettes throughout the exhibit focusing on the history of various communication methods and their impact on the Plymouth community and its connectivity.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main and is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for adults; \$3 for children 6-17; free for children 5 and under and members of the Museum.



**Exhibit on  
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through  
June 26,  
2022**

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Mike Janz, Alicia D'Orazio, and Sue Truckly, are the respective winners of the January, February, and March drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.

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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

**L**ed by Archivist Pam Yockey, the archives staff and volunteers have made great progress on accessioning the Pere Marquette Historical Society archival collection that has been coming into the Museum in parts since September. In January we hired an assistant archivist to help with the processing of this massive collection. Lena Hathaway was working as a volunteer in the archives and now puts her skills to use on a regular basis as part of our staff. Welcome, Lena!

The Museum archives is closed temporarily until the collection is processed to a point to allow researchers to access it.

If you’d like to help with the archives effort, we have an online fundraiser at [givesendgo.com/plymouthhistory](https://givesendgo.com/plymouthhistory). Any help is truly appreciated!

## Our Next Exhibit

The current special exhibit, “Connecting at the Speed of Life,” ends June 26. If you haven’t seen it, please come visit! It’s interactive and fun and you might learn something about the history of communication!

Our next challenge is tackling the 1970s. We haven’t named the exhibit yet, as it was a daunting decade. We are looking for donations or loans of items from the 1970s. We’re not looking for newspaper clippings or school yearbooks, as we have plenty of those. We’re looking for items that reflect the climate of the 1970s. If you have something to contribute

to the exhibit, please call or email Mary Thackston, exhibits coordinator, at 734-455-8940 x7 or [exhibits@plymouthhistory.org](mailto:exhibits@plymouthhistory.org).

## Plymouth Rotary Club

The Plymouth Rotary Club will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2024. In anticipation of this monumental achievement, the Club commissioned Ellen Elliott and myself to document those 100 years and to create an anniversary book. Ellen and I are entrenched in Rotary history and are actively looking for papers, Broadcasters, booklets, pins, gavels, or any other artifacts from current and past Rotary members. These items can be donated to the Plymouth Historical Museum, where we are adding to the already well-represented collection. If you prefer not to donate, please consider letting us scan your paper items—we will take good care of them and return them to you.

The culmination of this effort to document the Rotary century will be a nearly half-year exhibit at the Plymouth Historical

Museum, sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary Club. If you have artifacts that you would like to loan to the Museum for this exhibit, please contact Ellen Elliott at [jejmelliott@aol.com](mailto:jejmelliott@aol.com) or Liz Kerstens at [elizabethkerstens@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethkerstens@gmail.com).

## Sponsorships

We are doing well on obtaining sponsorships for our upcoming exhibits and events, but we’re still looking for more!

This year we have sponsors for Free Summer Saturdays, teas, a murder mystery, special exhibits, and our very popular ghost walks. Thank you! If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact me at 734-455-8940 x9 or [director@plymouthhistory.org](mailto:director@plymouthhistory.org).

We are still hoping to find sponsors for the following:

- **What’s in Your Pantry Tea** in August (\$400)
- **“A Red Ryder Christmas Story” special exhibit** (\$1,500)
- **Santa in the Caboose** (several dates available) (\$300)
- **Simply Dickens** in December (\$300)

## Ticket Sale Dates for Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Members	Public
Apr 23	Ghosts of Plymouth Walk	Now	Now
May 1	Let Down Your Hair Tea	Now	March 21
June 25	Murder on a Train Murder Mystery	April 25	May 9
Aug 21	What’s in Your Pantry Tea	June 20	July 4
Oct 15	Things That Go Bump in the Night	August 1	August 15
Oct 22	Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk	August 8	August 22
Dec 3	Enchanted Winter Wonderland	October 10	October 24
Dec 9	Simply Dickens	October 10	October 24



**Volunteers Make a Difference**



**Donations Received**  
**December 2021 – February 2022 Thank You!**

Thank you for the following generous donations that were received between December 2021 and February 2022:

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The Plymouth Historical Museum is the ideal setting for weddings, showers, receptions, corporate functions, club meetings, 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 and/or a private tour of the Museum. For more information, visit the Museum or phone 734-455-8940.



## Candidates for the Plymouth Historical Museum Board



**Stephanie Hoff** was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada and moved to Michigan in the fall of 2011. She is currently working as a senior mortgage underwriter for a mortgage company with headquarters based in Ann Arbor. She moved to downtown Plymouth in the fall of 2013 and has been an active member of the Fairground

Park Association since 2014. She enjoys supporting local businesses in DTP and has served on the Plymouth Historical Museum's Board of Directors since 2019.



Hi! I am **Margaret Harris**. Our family moved to Plymouth in 1977 and lived at the corner of Starkweather and Farmer in Old Village until 2000. From 1994 to 2001 I lived in Chugiak and Eagle River, Alaska and then returned to Michigan. Settled into Plymouth again in 2009 after marrying Charlie Harris and have been a business owner, you may know me for balloon decorating. I am also a certified medical assistant and a licensed health insurance agent with an office on Ann Arbor Road. I've been a member of the Museum since 2014 and was president of the Plymouth Historical Museum Board 2017-2019.



**Christian "Chris" Huffman** was born in Plymouth Township in 1976, and grew up in the Pilgrim Hills subdivision at the corner of Napier and Warren Roads. He received his formative education in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, having attended Geer, Bird, and Smith Elementary Schools. Chris graduated magna cum laude from the Michigan State University College of Law. During

law school he worked as a legal intern for Michigan's Lieutenant Governor. Upon graduation he served as a pre-hearing attorney for the Michigan Court of Appeals before accepting a clerkship with the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Chris then entered private practice with the law firm of Garan Lucow Miller, P.C., where he has served as a partner in the firm's Traverse City, Ann Arbor, and Detroit offices, handling both civil litigation and appeals. He currently lives in downtown Plymouth, and has served on the Plymouth Historical Museum's Board of Directors since 2019.



My name is **Ivy Orca Lung** and I've been a resident of Plymouth for the past 21 years. My husband Ricardo and I are fortunate to be raising our two boys Mateo (14) and Rico (11) and our Netherland Dwarf bunny Ashford in this lovely little town. Aside from being a wife and soccer mom, I'm a hematology clinical specialist in the healthcare/pharmaceutical industry. In

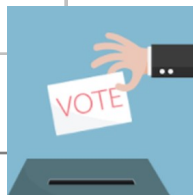
my "spare" time I enjoy cooking Filipino food, hiking, cross country skiing, attending musicals, and especially traveling. I miss my annual trips to Paris, but look forward to Germany and Switzerland this spring (pandemic be damned!)

### Nominations for Board of Director Candidates According to the bylaws:

*"Candidates must be members in good standing of the Society on or by the deadline for nominations and maintain their membership throughout their term."*

*"Employees and immediate family members of employees and the then acting Directors may not serve as Directors."*

*"Members may not be nominated for office unless they have given their consent and agree to serve if elected."*



### May 2022 Board Elections

**T**his year, the Museum will be mailing out ballots to all members within the next couple of weeks. We must have at least 5 percent of the active membership casting ballots, according to our Bylaws.

As a member, you have a right to vote, so please return your ballot in the envelope provided, before the deadline, so you can elect your next Board of Directors. Your participation is appreciated!

# Plymouth Days Gone By

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

## Young Singer Cuts First Record

60 Years Ago - March 1962 *Plymouth Mail*



It's hard to imagine what it would be like to drop a dime into the juke box slot, press the button and hear your own voice fill the room.

That's the thrill that 20-year-old Danny Hargrove of 274 Farmer St. is getting nowadays as his first record finds its way into record shops and into the hands of disc jockeys across the nation.

Four months ago, Danny got his first break when he was invited to Chicago to record two

sides of a record on the Checker label. Last week the record was placed on sale and this week it is being distributed to disc jockeys.

It also went on sale at the Melody House last week and has had a rapid sale. It was also placed on the juke box there. Many local teens who heard the record declare that it sounds like a "hit" to them. But, of course, Danny will admit he has a partisan following in Plymouth where he has been trying to make the grade in the singing business for eight years.

A graduate of Plymouth High School in 1958, Danny did some singing while there and has been singing with a

small group in the area ever since.

The two songs on the record are "Seven Wonders of My World" and "Don't Want You Crying." The latter number Danny wrote himself. While he is essentially a rock 'n roll singer, Danny is able to handle a wide variety of numbers. The two tunes he recorded have a comparatively mild rock 'n roll beat.

Danny's face, if not his name, is familiar to many City householders. He has carried mail for the past two years on all of the City routes. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hargrove, 6196 Canton Center Rd.

Danny Hargrove, a mail carrier for the city of Plymouth, listens on a juke box to his own recording. The two songs on his first 45 single, were "Seven Wonders of My World," and "Don't Want You Crying."

60 Years Ago  
February 1962  
*Plymouth Mail*

"Do You Think There Will Be a War Between the United States and the Soviet Union in 1962?"

### Speak Your Piece!

To Jeannine Dahlager, 20133 Valley, Northville, the coming year "will not bring a war because I don't think either country will be in one as long as we both stay frightened. They're not going to be dropping bombs when they know we have the bombs to retaliate."

A. Carlson, an employee at the Western Electric Co. in Plymouth, comments: "I'd say there won't be a war. Russia doesn't want a war at this time. They're not prepared to wage a war."

"Your guess is as good as mine," replied Carl Dixon, 7231 Rosemary. "I hope we don't have a war but you hear an awful lot of talk. I hope we don't get dragged into a serious conflict."

Mrs. William Upton, 1314 Carol, said, "I certainly hope not. I think even the Russians are aware of what the consequences of a nuclear war would be."

The Livonian asks a question each week to local residents on Plymouth's main streets. Readers who have a suggestion for a question are invited to send it to the Plymouth Edition, The Livonian, 33050 Five Mile Rd., Livonia.

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1365 S. Main St.

60 Years Ago  
January 1962  
*Plymouth Mail*

## Engineers Check Structures

### Begin Search for Fall-Out Shelters



A search for existing buildings that would serve as suitable fall-out shelters in the event of enemy attack has been started for the Plymouth community, the Plymouth and Wayne County Offices of Civil Defense announced at a meeting of Civil Defense leaders here last week.

By the end of January, the Army

Engineer Corps, along with the architectural firm of Giffels and Rossetti will have completed the survey. The preliminary survey will be made from insurance and tax assessment records of Plymouth on file in Detroit. After potential shelter structures are selected, a personal inspection will be made by the engineers.

60 Years Ago  
February 1962  
Plymouth Mail



Jean's  
Jottings

On February 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn, piloting the Friendship 7 spacecraft, lifted off from Cape Canaveral, and became the first American to orbit the Earth. Jean Campau, a popular columnist for the Plymouth Mail, featured the event in her widely read women's column.



John Herschel Glenn Jr.  
1921-2016

60 Years Ago  
January 1962  
Plymouth Mail

After 60 Years, Barber  
Shop on Corner Closes



In January 1962, after 60 years in business, the corner barbershop in downtown Plymouth permanently closed its doors. The building was located at the northeast corner of Penniman Avenue and Main Street from the late 1880s until 1962. The barbershop was owned by four proprietors from 1902 to 1962. The corner building and adjacent buildings were demolished in 1962 for the construction of a new bank building. During the 1950s, an additional tenant was Ken & Ork's Burgers. Photo, circa 1950s.

It's an accomplished fact, despite 10 false starts, that Lt. Col. John H. Glenn caused hearts to soar Tuesday when he successfully completed his journey into space.

For most of the country's populace, who have been bent over snow shovels answering capricious winter's weathery whims, Glenn's flight added new and exciting dimensions to man's earthly existence.

Commerce, industry and personal pursuits were virtually suspended for most of the day as people across the country hung on the words spilling from television and radio.

The Nation's switchboards became unlit skeletons in deference to Our Man in Space.

Solid suspense overshadowed the questions, "would the rocket go into orbit?" "would it perform perfectly?" "would Glenn be able to re-enter the atmosphere without disintegrating?" and finally, "would his pick-up be successful?"

Despite delight at circling the earth in a manned craft, the deep concern for the individual involved dwarfed all other matters.

Behind the scenes, between 18,000 and 24,000 souls worked to bring our Airborne American Astronaut home again safe. Not to mention the myriad prayers that rode in the Friendship Seven with John Glenn.

Plymouth, too, took an active role in the drama of the day in the person of SFM-3 Joe Barraco who was on board the USS Randolph in recovery operations.

Barraco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barraco of 115 South Mill St., also participated in Astronaut Gus Grissom's July 21 sub-orbital flight.

With Glenn's return, we now stand a giant step inside this new frontier that is pacific space. In the developments that follow, who knows, but that it may launch the consciousness of the world to a new level of understanding and compassion, as yet unknown among us mortals.

"It just won't be the same."

That was the comment heard from several Plymouth old timers as the barbershop on the northeast corner of Main and Penniman Ave. was locked up Saturday.

For 60 years there has been a barbershop on that corner. One can only estimate how many tons of hair have fallen, how many barrels of shaving cream have

been whipped up and how many favorite stories have been unraveled during those three score years.

But when the shop owner locked the door last Saturday, it was the last time. Preparations are being made to tear down the old structure.

Now occupied by Red's Barber Shop, operated by Al Conery, the shop has been owned by only four barbers since it was started in 1902.

## Plymouth Historical Museum Archives Upgrade

Pere Marquette Historical Society, Inc. Archive

Last year, the Plymouth Historical Museum (PHM) signed an agreement with the Pere Marquette Historical Society, Inc. (PMHS) to bring the PMHS archive to the Museum.

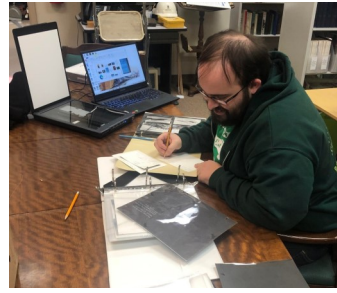
The PMHS archive was established in 2001 with the donation of several PMHS archival collections from its membership. At that time a formal agreement was set up with the Joint Archives of Holland at Hope College.

In 2003 the archive made its first major expansion with the donation of the Henry J. Walhout negative collection. The PMHS archive was vastly expanded in 2006 with the acquisition of Art Million's personal collection.

The archive was then formally named the "Arthur B. Million Memorial Archive of the Pere Marquette Historical Society," following his death that year.

Because of a variety of factors, the decision was made to remove the PMHS archive from the Joint Archives of Holland in 2011. It has remained in storage in various locations and somewhat dormant since that time, with limited accessibility to either researchers or the public.

A renewed effort began in 2019 to find a permanent home for the archive, culminating in the agreement with PHM in August 2021.



Now that this major archival collection is in house, the Museum's archives needs a major upgrade to accommodate the collection.

Our fundraising goal is \$30,000, which will help us hire an assistant archivist, replace our old and heavy furniture with more practical and lighter weight furniture to help the floor load, purchase computer equipment that will help us process this collection more efficiently, and update our website to make the digital collection available to researchers.

If you would consider helping our effort, a GiveSendGo fundraiser is now active at

<https://www.givesendgo.com/plymouthhistory>

Thank you so much for your consideration!



The Plymouth Historical Museum presents historic figures from Plymouth's past in...



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## Ghosts of Plymouth Walk Down Penniman Avenue

Saturday, April 23  
Walks begin at 4:00 PM

Tickets \$15 in advance; \$20 at the alcove between Penn Grill and Kilwin's on Penniman Avenue on April 23

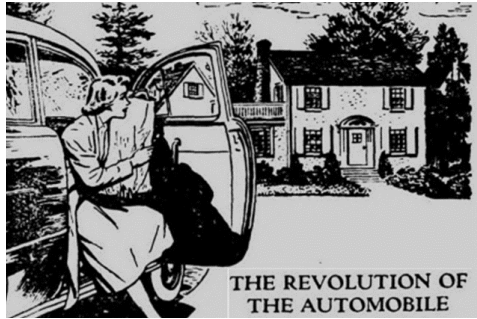
Purchase tickets at  
Plymouth Historical Museum  
155 S. Main Street  
734-455-8940



\*Walks start at alcove between Penn Grill and Kilwin's on Penniman Avenue and last up to 90 minutes. Wear walking shoes.



# Essential Mobility for America—The Automobile



70 Years Ago  
January 1952  
*Plymouth Mail*



## MOBILITY FOR TODAY—YOUR AUTOMOBILE By Marguerite Mickelsen

Do you need your car today? Could you get along without your family automobile for a week? A month? Have you thought about it lately? Essential transportation for Americans depends on the good condition of the nation's automobiles.

Civilian defense people are keenly aware of the truth of that statement. An emergency that depended on widespread use of automobiles could mean serious trouble if these cars were to fail. In spite of record production in the post-war years, the greatest in history, less than half of the passenger cars now being driven could be called even relatively new cars.

Looking around, next time you drive to your shopping center and park at your favorite store to shop for the week's groceries, you'll notice, if your center or market is typical, that a large parking lot is a vital need. That parking lot is evidence of a tremendous change that has come over American life in the past 30 years—most of this revolutionary change, in fact, in the past 20 years.

It's a change wrought by the essentiality of the automobile in today's American life. Automobiles are mobility—transportation in a basically necessary form. About 71 per cent of all American families depend on their cars for necessary transportation, and in everyday American life, more than 52 percent of the automobile's use is for the purpose of making a living.

Believe it or not, more than 13 million people live out of reach of any kind of public transportation—depending entirely on their automobile. One out of every four American children gets to school and back by automobile power.

That old dream of millions—a little place in the country—has become a reality for many of us, who can now get to town easily for work or shopping. Modern shopping centers in rural and suburban areas are direct evidence of the spectacular change.

The astonishing reality today is that automobiles have upset an entire philosophy of business—the philosophy that used to dictate city dwelling and the centralization of business in metropolitan areas.

Look at the great defense plants and other industrial plants for more evidence of that. You'll see thousands of cars parked around them—cars of employees who no longer have to live in the shadow of the factory and walk to work.

Think how often you use your family car for essential transportation in a single day—work, school, shopping—and then ask yourself that question: "Could you get along without your car for a week? A month?" It's wise to take care of your car. Be sure it's not found inadequate in any emergency.

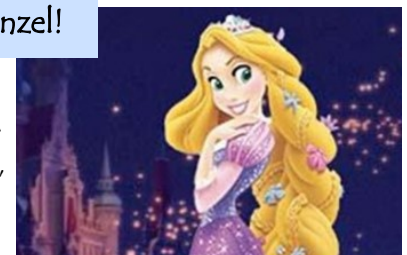
*Written by Marguerite Mickelsen.*

*Published in the Plymouth Mail, January 1952*

Let Down Your Hair Tea

Sunday, May 1, 2022  
Noon - 2 PM

Meet Rapunzel!



- Enjoy tea delicacies. Make and take activities. Kids can dress up. Photos.
- Children must be at least 4 years old, no exceptions. Limit of 30 children,
- so don't hesitate to purchase your tickets!
- Tickets are \$30 for one adult and one child; tickets are \$15 for additional attendees.
- Tickets go on sale to the public March 21.

Location:  
Plymouth Historical Museum  
155 South Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
Phone 734-455-8940 x0

This tea is sponsored by Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

## Volunteers Needed!

The Plymouth Historical Museum is hopping these days! We've got a great new exhibit, "Connecting at the Speed of Life," that honors 50 years of the student radio station 88.1 The Park, as well as focuses on the many ways that people communicate and how that connecting has changed through the years.

Recently we have seen an increase in visitors.

On a recent Saturday, we had 40 visitors! With this increase, the need for volunteers has increased as well. We would hate to have to limit or cancel events for lack of volunteers.

If you have just three hours a month to volunteer at the Plymouth Historical Museum, we'd love to chat with you.

Janet Burns is our volunteer coordinator.

Please give her a call at (734) 455-8940 ext. 4, or email her at [bookkeeper@plymouthhistory.org](mailto:bookkeeper@plymouthhistory.org).



60 Years Ago  
January 1962

### Raphael Mettetal Dies At Age 72

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 1961 at Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth, for Raphael Mettetal who passed away at the age of 72 on Dec. 24 in Pontiac General Hospital following a brief illness. Masonic services were conducted at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Mettetal was born Jan. 13, 1889 to Eli and Della (Dunning) Mettetal in Redford, Michigan. He married Stella Westlake and made his home in Redford where he was a member of the Redford Masonic Lodge, attaining the 32nd Degree and Life (50 year) membership. He also held honorary memberships in the Northville, South Lyon, Army & Navy, and the Brotherhood Lodge of Pontiac.

In 1917 the Mettetal family moved to Plymouth, where he built and operated Mettetal Greenhouses as a wholesale gardener for forty years. He was instrumental in the establishing of Mettetal Airport, also in Plymouth and was an active pilot at that field. Although he was no longer in the Plymouth area he retained his membership in the Presbyterian Church where he had been an Elder of the church for 13 years.

### Bingo's Back

Bingo returned to Plymouth this month after an absence of nearly two years — and as long as local sponsors "follow the rules" it won't be stopped.

Police Chief Ken Fisher voiced this opinion after a letter from Wayne County Prosecutor Samuel Olsen outlining regulations on bingo games was received.

According to Fisher, as long as no "admission charge" or "compulsory donation" is made, the game will not be disturbed. "There can be no hint that a donation of any set amount is required to play the game," Fisher said. "Once there is, it has been established that the game is illegal."

60 Years Ago  
January 1962

*Penn Theatre*



80 Years Ago  
Circa, early 1940s  
*Texaco Gas Station in Plymouth  
10 gallons of gasoline for only \$1*



*A southerly view of Main Street, at the corner of Fralick Street, one block north of Penniman Avenue; circa early 1940s.*

60 Years Ago  
February 1962  
*Plymouth Mail*

### **'Don't Knock Down Our Trees,'**

A plea by Penniman Ave. residents to save the street's stately trees was heard by the City Commission Monday during a public hearing on street improvements.

Two residents appeared to urge Commissioners not to knock down the trees when a three-foot widening of Penniman (west of the Post Office Building) is begun.

Present plans call for the trees to remain standing "when possible" but some be destroyed has been made.

"Here we are," Mrs. E. C. Robinson told the Commission, "taking down trees that have taken us 70 years to raise. I think that you're helping to ruin Plymouth."

She said that removing the trees—many of which are elms—would hurt the "quaintness" of the city.

Another resident urged the Commission to "look into the matter thoroughly" before reaching a decision. "If the trees have to come down, we won't complain," he said. "But investigate the matter first."

54 Years Ago  
January 1968  
*Plymouth Mail*

There can be no question about the major sports stories nationally in 1967,

1--The Red Sox beating out the Tigers for the American League flag.

2--Indiana surprising the football world by capturing the Big Ten's right to go to the Rose Bowl.

3--Cassius Clay being strip-

ped of his heavyweight boxing title for failure to enter the U.S. Army when drafted.

4--The continued downfall of the United States in tennis.

5--Bob Gibson's pitching that won the world series for St. Louis.

If you're looking for other big moments: how's about--Jim Ryun's 3:51.1 mile record, Lew Alcindor and his UCLA basketball team, the record number of victories (68) and the world

title plucked by Wilt Chamberlain and the Philadelphia 76ers, the first Super Bowl game, Intrepid's easy victory in the Americans Cup, and Charles Finley pulling the Kansas City A's out of Missouri and moving them to Oakland, Cal.?

# MURDER ON A TRAIN MURDER MYSTERY

Saturday, June 25, 6-9 PM

Tickets are \$25 per person

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(Members can purchase April 25)

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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/>.

**“Connecting at the Speed of Life” Special Exhibit runs through June 26.**

### April

**23—Ghosts of Plymouth Walk**, 4-8 pm, tickets on sale now. Sponsored by ATS Advisors.

### May

**1—Let Down Your Hair Tea**, Noon-2 pm, tickets on sale to members now; to the public March 21. Sponsored by Fox Hills.

### June

**25—Murder on a Train Murder Mystery**, 6-9 pm. Tickets on sale to members April 25; to the public, May 9. Sponsored by C. L. Finlan.



## Let Down Your Hair Tea with Rapunzel!

- ☺ Tea Delicacies
- ☺ Dress Like a Princess
- ☺ Photos
- ☺ Crafts
- ☺ Dancing & Singing

Tickets are \$30 for one adult and one child; \$25 for additional person. Tickets are on sale to members March 7; to the public March 21. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Minimum age is 4.

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