



New owner: Creon Smith strikes a pose similar to that in a famous photo taken of one of his heroes, Henry Ford. Smith and Ford now have something in common: ownership of the Botsford Inn.



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"I think the background of the most lends itself to it," Anhut said. Smith has worked 20 years in the hotel business, including a stint as general manager and part owner of the historic Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth. The agreement reportedly includes the inn, which has 68 rooms, three apartments, 10 banquet rooms and a 100-seat restaurant; and the 43,332 square feet of property. "It's a wonderful place that's filled with a lot of great history; it's a national historic landmark,"

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Smith said. "Every inch of the place is covered in history, and I love the idea of preserving something so unique for others to enjoy. I really feel it is my mission." The Anhut family bought the building in 1951 from Henry Ford's family for a five-percent

\$225,000 land contract. John W. Anhut, the son of former state Sen. John C. Anhut, worked in hotels to support himself while attending law school. The pending sale of the Botsford Inn has kept local historians curious. The inn, which was built in 1836, is listed on state and national historical registers. That hasn't made it safe from any development plans. Anhut wanted to find an owner who would preserve the historical character. "I'm sure John would not sell

that without assuring the new people coming in felt just as much about it as he has," said historian Jenn Fox, who wrote a book "More than a Tavern: 150 Years of the Botsford Inn." "He's had other chances to sell during the past five years. He'd say, 'Not to that guy, not to those people' because they wanted to tear it down and put up a 10-story Marriott (style) hotel." In 1924, Henry Ford bought the Botsford Inn after restoring similar inns. The Botsford Inn used to sit 25 feet off of what was a two-lane trail on Grand River.

When the road commission had plans to widen Grand River, which would've put the road within two feet of the Botsford Inn, Ford had the building moved 300 feet back. Ford completely renovated the inn, including the addition of a spring floor with special rubber gaskets to a second floor ball-

room. Ford was an avid square dancer. Anhut cherishes similar memories, including many of the people he's met during the past 40 years. "I think we've handled 30,000 wedding functions," said Anhut, who married Angel two months ago. "That's something I will miss the most."

Livonia puts brakes on task force dues

Livonia City Council has adopted a wait and see attitude regarding involvement in an area task force committed to sprucing up Eight Mile from Eastland Mall through the western suburbs. "Our section of Eight Mile Road is well-developed," said council president Gerald "Joe" Taylor. "I think the task force requested \$25,000 as our share of involvement. With budget restraints, we decided to see how serious this effort was before we put up any money." "The Eight Mile Task Force, created 18 months ago, will concentrate on improving the major east-west thoroughfare that winds its way from the eastern suburbs, through Detroit, Redford, Southfield, Farmington Hills and Livonia to the western fringe. "We are members of the task force. We've participated since the beginning," said Mayor Bob Bennett.

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