

# Chuck Muer is opening 2 restaurants in area

By ALICE COLLINS and MICHAEL CHARLES

Charley's Crab, a famous Pine Lake seafood restaurant which was destroyed by fire last February, will reopen in Troy.

The C. A. Muer Corp. of Detroit plans to operate a new Charley's Crab near Crooks Road and I-75 in the northwest part of the city. It was learned last week.

Owner Charles A. "Chuck" Muer will formally announce plans for the restaurant at a Detroit press conference Wednesday afternoon (Aug. 13). At the same time Muer will also announce his intention to remodel a Farmington Hills restaurant, Danny's Gin Mill, and turn it into an eating place specializing in seafood.

MUER DECLINED comment on the exact location of his Troy restaurant. However, informed sources confirmed the new Charley's Crab will be built adjacent to the Chrysler Hilton

Hotel now under construction near the I-75 interchange at Crooks Road.

"It (the restaurant) is going to be built right on the end of the Chrysler Hilton Inn. It's going to be Chuck Muer's show," a source familiar with the development said. "It will be another phase of that overall development."

"Chuck will go to the Chrysler Hilton," said a local developer. "The deal has been consummated."

THE HOTEL is being built by the Chrysler Realty Corp. It is part of an office and commercial complex called Northfield Plaza which has been under construction for several years.

A Chrysler spokesman said the hotel is scheduled to open officially in February. It will contain 192 rooms. The restaurant will seat about 200 persons and will be built after the hotel is completed. Muer has retained Rosetti Associates, a Detroit architectural firm, to design Charley's Crab.

For Muer, who had been looking for a late site to reopen the popular restaurant, he gave up on the lake site when he decided to go into the business district of Troy.

His plans to convert a turn-of-the-century home into a \$1 million Charley's Crab on the shore of Orchard Lake was scrapped after an organized campaign by residents convinced the restaurateur he would not be able to obtain the necessary zoning from the City of Orchard Lake. Just days after pulling out of the Orchard Lake zoning battle, he found himself in a losing situation in the Village of Franklin, where he hoped to open a neighborhood tavern. It would not have been the Charley's Crab replacement.

Zoning was not a problem in Franklin, but Muer said he wouldn't open a restaurant without a liquor license and the Franklin council denied his request.

MUER SAID extensive remodeling is planned at Danny's Gin Mill in Farmington Hills and the opening is set for November.

The Muer corporation purchased the restaurant, located at 30555 Grand River near I-696 from Danny Bourdais.

"We'll serve seafood there in the classic character of Charley's Crab," said Muer. It will seat up to 200 people.

Muer said it will no longer be called Danny's Gin Mill. "We don't have a name for it yet. In fact, I'll buy any one a dinner who comes up with a good name, that's a deal."

Muer is president of the C.A. Muer Corp. which currently has eight restaurants in Michigan, Ohio and Colorado.

MUER HAS not yet applied for or received a Class C liquor license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of the City of Troy.

The Troy City Council is anxious to activate at least one of the city's four remaining liquor permits in the northern part of the city.

Also working in Muer's favor is a long-standing city policy which favors liquor licenses for restaurants located in major office, service and commercial centers.

"I don't think anybody would turn Chuck Muer down (for a liquor license)," said one city official when told of the proposed restaurant.

FINDING A LOCATION for the new Charley's Crab has been a long ordeal

## Space age taught to local teens

By MARTHA MAHAN

About 35 to 40 boys and girls of the Space Age today will begin a week-long course in the history of flight from paper planes to satellites.

They are participants in a Youth Institute on Aeronautics and Space sponsored by the United States Air Force at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

The program will peak to two highlights, both on Friday. The young people, mostly between the ages of 13 and 15, will fire off a rocket constructed by them the day before.

And they'll learn what space flight has meant and will mean to mankind in a talk by Donald Blase, chairman of the speakers bureau of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

The latter is a lucky bonus. Blase happened in town from his Riverside, Calif., home to help celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Howard and Jessie Blase of Livonia.

His brother, United States Air Force Reserve Maj. Elton W. Blase of Farmington Hills, is project officer for the Youth Institute.

The Aug. 11-15 program also will include the history and theory of flight, aircraft design and propulsion, and journeys into space with missiles, satellites and manned flights.

On the practical side, the youngsters will have the fun of building and flying their own paper planes, airfoils, airplanes and, of course, the rocket.

Friday's final day also will include a field trip to Pontiac Airport. There the students will visit the control tower, become familiar with basic weather instruments and learn about the complexities of aircraft maintenance and repair.

Airplane rides will be available for \$5 from Commander Flight Services, Inc.

Maj. Blase, who lives at 25433 Branchester Road, has 22 years of experience

with the U. S. Air Force Reserve and the Michigan Reserve Air National Guard.

He has worked in executive officer training, supply and procurement and, in civilian life, is employed in personnel and public relations for the Art Center Hospital.

A space flight enthusiast, Maj. Blase points to its "effects on everyday living and on the future."

"This last flight contributed more research into the effectiveness of the ozone layer and the dangers of frost," he said. "Space flights provide information on climatology, exploration sites for oil and gas resources that we never even thought about."

"We can take a look at other planets, see there is a lack of life there and study what contributed to their degeneration so that we can prevent it on our planet."

Maj. Blase is the father of six children, but he readily concedes he's never been able to transmit his space travel enthusiasm to them.

Barbara is a nurse at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Catherine will enter the University of Michigan this fall to study journalism. The others are in high school or junior high.

"I guess sometimes it's hard to be convincing when you're too close to the scene," their father laughed.

## Mush and Allen are on dean's list at Lawrence Tech

Two Farmington residents were named to the dean's list at Lawrence Institute of Technology.

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