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Scott Smith, owner of the Penniman Gallery, and his just completed gingerbread house.

Plymouth ready for holiday shopping season

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The trees are decorated, the streets are alight, many of the gingerbread houses are on display and downtown Plymouth is putting on its game face for the holiday retail season.

Christmastime in Plymouth this year combines some longstanding traditions, such as the arrival of Santa Claus on the day after Thanksgiving, with some newer ones, such as the Dashing Through the Stores shopping event for women and new energy-efficient LED lighting on trees along downtown streets.

"It's a destination where people like to come just to hang out and relax," said Rob Parent, who with family members owns Sun & Snow, the specialty sporting goods shop at Ann Arbor Trail and Main. "It's just sort of a cooperative town, and everybody's working together to put on events."

Parent was one of the prime movers behind a recent campaign to brighten downtown streets for the holidays by permanently installing LED lights in many of the trees. The Downtown Development Authority and individual businesses split the \$25,000 cost of the project, which has trees along Main between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman lighted up as well as trees outside businesses on other streets.

"Every single tree on both sides of



Jill Andra Young's Studio displays a gingerbread house dedicated to her dog Annie.

(Main), and the boulevard, is lighted, and it's sparkling and wonderful," said Teri Fry, specialty manager of Commerce.

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Rotary honors Plymouth area's first responders

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

As their bosses told stories of dramatic rescues and arrests and everyday routines that show a quieter heroism, five of the Plymouth area's first responders were honored Friday for their work in protecting the public.

Three police officers, a Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighter and a Huron Valley Ambulance paramedic were each given a Rotary Club of Plymouth public safety award for their work in 2011. The awards were presented during a Rotary luncheon at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"I am honored. I'm humbled at the same time," said Vince Waryas, who was named HVA's paramedic of the year. "There are a lot of other people out there who are doing as well as I am."

"Very rewarding," said Plymouth Township Police Officer Mark Hoffman, the township's officer of the year. Assigned to the road patrol on the midnight shift, a former detective, and a field-training officer for new hires, Hoffman said he is motivated by "protecting the public, getting out there."

Waryas is a 16-year paramedic and coordinates several special programs, including HVA's "SWAT medic" team that responds to police situations in which there is a high risk of injury. Paul Hood, HVA's vice president, recounted an incident in which Waryas and another paramedic saved the life of a bar-

ricaded gunman who had shot himself in the chest.

"He takes challenges head on and he's not afraid to go above and beyond the call of duty," Hood said.

Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington described Hoffman's search for and arrest of three suspects in an August business burglary, but said the skill and steadiness that Hoffman, and other township officers, show in routine patrol duties that don't often catch public attention are also important.

"Mark is your consummate professional and kind of personifies what we expect our police officers," said Tiderington of Hoffman, a 12-year veteran.

Also honored Friday were: PCFD Lt. Charles Mann, a 19-year veteran, who led a woman to safety in June during a nighttime fire at her condominium building in Plymouth.

Mann and Capt. Jim Juroy braved heavy smoke to search the building, said Fire Chief Mark Wendel, and Mann found the woman in her third-floor unit. She appeared disoriented, Wendel said, and Mann used his breathing apparatus to give her air while he held his breath and they made their way out of the building.

"This incident could've become very deadly had it not been for the specific action taken by Lt. Mann," Wendel said, and Mann won the Rotary award in 2006.

• Plymouth Police
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Plymouth Christian Academy senior Amy Zinn will be a featured soloist in the BeckRidge Chorale Christmas concerts, "Night of Joy."

Idol additions

BeckRidge Productions announced Canton Idol 2011 winners are joining them in the 39th annual area Christmas concerts.

Amy Zinn, a senior attending Plymouth Christian Academy, was the Canton Idol High School Division winner in September and will be a featured soloist in the BeckRidge Chorale Christmas concerts, "Night of Joy," Dec. 3-4 at Northville High School.

Jade Kuzak, an eighth-grade West Middle School student and the 2011 Middle School Division winner, will be a featured soloist in the Cherry Hill Singers "December Night" 8 p.m., Dec. 9, at The Village Theater in Canton.

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District eyes magnet school

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer



Hughes

Shakespeare once wrote, "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Plymouth-Canton administrators might be putting that contention to the test with one of the district's biggest roses.

Supt. Jeremy Hughes Tuesday asked for, and received, permission to develop a marketing plan and details for a Magnet School for Talented and Gifted program.

Enhance he said would create, not replace, the district's Talented and Gifted program.

Hughes believes the popular TAG program, which houses nearly 150 students each year at Miller Elementary,

could be expanded to draw nearly three times that number if the magnet school gets off the ground. It's an idea that has been bandied about recently, and Hughes believes the district has to run with it now if it's to start with the 2012-13 school year.

"We need to proceed with planning if we're going to have a magnet school," Hughes told the board Tuesday. "This is the time of year when we begin accepting applications. We need to let our community know we're going to be open to more

applications than we have in the past."

The magnet school would start with five classrooms each in third, fourth and fifth grades and would hold some 445 students. According to Pete Kudlak, the district's director of elementary education, the curriculum would be diversified, with alternate curricula in content areas such as math and science. He said the magnet school's offerings in "specials" could stray from traditional offerings such as gym, music and arts to offer such things as chess, Chinese, technology and design.

Kudlak said the school wouldn't have any in-district boundaries, mean-

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Vince Waryas, a 16-year veteran of Huron Valley Ambulance, was named the Plymouth Rotary Club's paramedic of the year on Friday. Here, he's with wife Kamala, a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools.

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ing students from anywhere in the district could apply.

Trustee Barry Simescu questioned the potential curriculum.

"I need to be convinced that gym and exercise, and music, should be eliminated," Simescu said. "I need to be persuaded on why we need not to have gym with the obesity issues we're dealing with in the United States."

Kudlak said the magnet school would cost the district some \$85,000 to set up, though \$14,000 would be saved in reduced costs for paraprofessionals. Administrators also believe the program could increase revenue by attracting students currently attending charter or private schools.

Hughes also noted some have questioned the timing of the idea, because the district just hired Plante Moran CRESA to conduct a facilities study, the result of which could be the elimination of a school.

But Hughes believes the magnet school is a good idea regardless of the outcome of the study.

"We believe so strongly in the kind of academic program that's represented here, the benefit this will be to our children, more of whom now will be able to have the challenge of this accelerated program," Hughes said. "We think we can have this program regardless of whether Plante Moran recommends we close a school or not."

Kudlak said part of the start-up expense would be ordering new screening materials to use for applicants. He said the new testing materials would be ordered whether the magnet school is created or not. If there's no magnet school, TAG applicants will be screened using the new testing material, Kudlak said.

Board Secretary Adrienne Davis questioned the rush to get the school in place, pointing out the district needs to make sure it's an attractive program to students outside the current TAG program.

"It can't be the same program expanded," Davis said. "I'm not sure we're looking at the idea in a way our community will support."

But Hughes said the magnet school will very much include current TAG criteria, but would expand the mold of students who qualify.

"I wanted a door open for a parent or teacher to recommend a student be involved who has a talent that's not necessarily measured, but who could very much profit by it," Hughes said. "The TAG program has been a jewel for this district for a long time. I think offering it to more students is a marketing plus in this district."

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Lotus Gallery closing but will keep on-line store

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The Lotus Arts Gallery, an exhibition and retail space in downtown Plymouth, is closing its doors after more than six years at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

Walt Menard, who owns Lotus with his wife, Mary, said they had the opportunity to sell the building recently and did so. Lotus will continue to operate through its website, Menard said, but will have only warehouse space with no public showroom or retail space.

"When you own the building and you're paying rent to yourself, that's not bad," said Menard, who collects art at his own home. "When you do quite a bit of your sales on line and you accomplish the same thing, you don't need to have that extra expense, for sure."

Menard said the on-line portion of the gallery's business has been growing steadily.

Lotus, previously on Main Street south of Wing, opened on West Ann Arbor Trail in April 2005. The last day of business will be Friday, Dec. 23.

The building was sold to Vince Mucci, of Mucci Food Products in Canton Township; records on the transaction weren't available. Mucci couldn't be reached Thursday or Friday.

Menard said a tenant in the Lotus building, Kitchen and Bath by DeGiulio, will remain.

Lotus had a good run in Plymouth, said Menard, who also owns a residential construction firm.

"I thought it was very good," he said. "We loved the location. People loved the gallery — they thought it was a fantastic space for an art gallery."

Artist Nancy Pitel, whose work is now on display at the Lotus as part of the Reckless Prophets show of work by 11 women, which opened Nov. 11, said she was saddened by news of the gallery's closing.

"The Lotus, in particular, is a beautiful venue in a beautiful city. Visiting the Lotus, with its large windows, beautiful architecture and wonderfully displayed art, is a relaxing experience that is needed in today's stressful life," said Pitel, who paints in acrylics and draws in several media and also does collages.



The Menard grandchildren, Garrett and Gavin Meeks, in the gallery. The sculpture is "Nick" Guard, by Thomas Kuebler.

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ART ON LINE

The Lotus Arts Gallery's website is www.lotusartsgallery.com. The Reckless Prophets show, featuring painting in several media, fiber art, photography and poetry, runs through Saturday, Nov. 26. For more information, call Karen Clawson, gallery manager, at (734) 453-5400 or go to the Reckless Prophets website at www.recklessprophets.com, or the gallery website.

An on-line gallery, Pitel added, doesn't offer the same experience. "My fear is that we are losing the beautiful things that give us such plea-

sure and contentment in our lives," she wrote.

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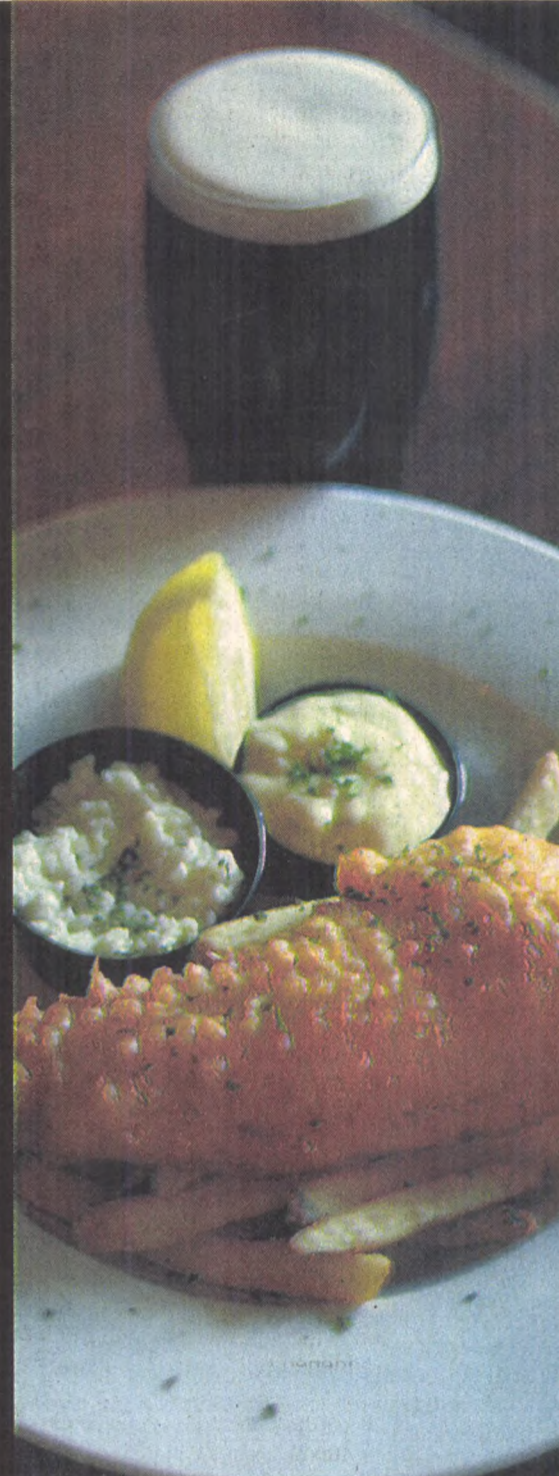
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Gardener cultivates VIPS award

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

With tongue completely in cheek, West Middle School Principal Clint Smiley said he was somewhat "embarrassed" with his nomination of Christine Ethier-Turner for the Plymouth-Canton Volunteer in Public Schools award Tuesday.

Ethier-Turner was honored by the Board of Education for her efforts to beautify the courtyard at West Middle School. Ethier-Turner, a master gardener, spent more than 100 hours over the sum-

mer on the entrance courtyard at the school. The problem, from Smiley's perspective, was that to get the master gardener designation, Ethier-Turner needed to restore what Smiley called a "homely" area — and she chose West Middle School.

"She lovingly took a rather disheveled and rundown area and turned it into a school entrance which would impress anyone," Smiley said. "Even the students who enter and exit the building through this courtyard have commented on

the beautiful improvements."

In addition to improving the courtyard, Ethier-Turner trained West Middle School staffers on the care of the various plantings, and created a notebook that includes schematic drawings of the plantings and a care guide for each.

Ethier-Turner said she volunteered at the school for years and finally went in and asked if she could "prune your roses, because they're driving me nuts." She said her desire to fix the roses convinced her "I really do

need a project."

"It's been a joy," Ethier-Turner told the board Tuesday. "I love it."

Board of Education Trustee Barry Simescu said Ethier-Turner exemplifies the criteria of the VIPS award.

"An outstanding parent who has been a very important cog in making the district what it is today," Simescu said of Ethier-Turner. "The middle school students noticed it, and appreciated it."

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Plymouth-Canton VIP Christine Ethier-Turner with Trustee Barry Simescu (left) and West Middle School Principal Clint Smiley.



Cub Scouts from Pack 834 put together 25 Thanksgiving dinner boxes.

Scout pack helps feed the hungry

Thanks to the efforts of scouts from Pack 834 Cub Scouts, more than two dozen people will have Thanksgiving dinner this week.

The scouts spent Tuesday night in the Tonda Elementary School cafeteria assembling 25 Thanksgiving dinner boxes in an effort funded

by donations from Work Force Network, Inc., and Pack 834, both of Canton.

Pack officials said the money donated stretched farther with a discount from the Canton Kroger store.

The boys decorated the boxes and then filled them with packages/cans of potatoes, stuffing, gra-

vy mix, corn, green beans, cranberries, cake, and frosting. Money or a gift card for a turkey was also included in the boxes.

The 25 food boxes were distributed to families through Highland Park Community Outreach, the Bridge Chapel, and Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

TAG screening

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will begin screening students for admission to its Talented and Gifted program for the 2012-2013 school year in December.

To apply for admission to the program, a student must reside within the P-CCS district boundaries and be in grades two to seven. Nomination forms are available in all P-CCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms need to be back to school principals or counselors by Feb. 6, 2012.

Nomination forms will be available online Dec. 1, at <http://tag.pccs.k12.mi.us> Nominations for non-public school students should be returned to the TAG Office at: Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, or by fax at (734) 416-4801. Screening for the program involves two phases of standardized testing.

Band on parade

For the first time in the 85-year history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, a high school marching band from the state of Michigan will perform.

The P-CEP Marching Band received an invitation from the parade committee about two years ago and since then has been fundraising and working on their

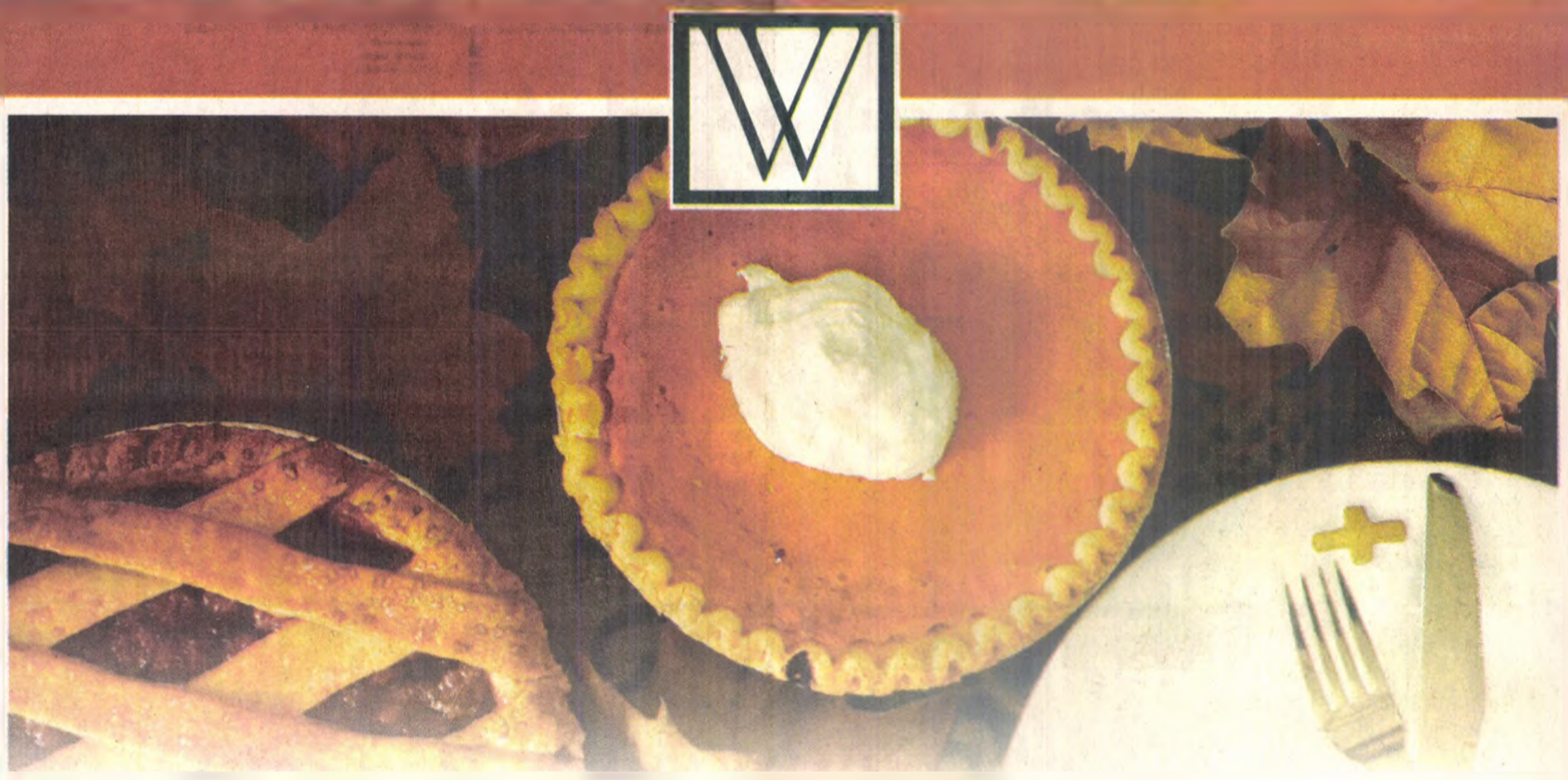
music for the big event. The P-CEP Marching band will be playing a variety of holiday favorites including several numbers from *The Grinch who Stole Christmas*.

Hands-on civics

High school students enrolled in Darrin Silvester's civics course will be performing a service learning project Nov. 23 at the Shearer Cemetery on North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township. Students will be at the cemetery learning about the community's first settlers and the preservation of their burial grounds. This is an ongoing project since the summer of 2005. In the past six years, students have created paths in the cemetery, cleared trees, helped to restore burial headstones and improve the site as much as possible.

Cultural learning

More than 300 seventh-graders at West Middle School will be learning about the Arabic culture in a special assembly provided by the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn Tuesday, Nov. 29. The museum is sending expert speaker Sonya Kassis to present two, one hour presentations at the school. Students will learn the countries of the Arab world, how the Arab world is different from the Middle East, who are Arab-Americans and students will get an introduction to Islam.



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AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY

Date/Time: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8
Location: Hoben Elementary School (Saltz between Sheldon and Canton Center)
Details: The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its holiday party. Please bring a pound of something to share, such as coffee, flour, cookies, etc. and put it in holiday wrapping. Everyone will have a chance to bid on it with proceeds going to the AAUW Legal Advocacy fund. There will also be a monetary collection for First Step. Appetizers and desserts will be served. Please come and just join us!
Contact: For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or (734) 981-6023.

HOSPITAL REUNION

Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5-9 p.m.
Location: Cafe Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center in Westland
Details: The 27th annual holiday reunion for Wayne County General Hospital retirees and former staff. The cost is \$16, including tip, for a buffet dinner, featuring beef, chicken, fish, potato, vegetable, salad, dessert and beverage (coffee, tea or soda). Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.
Contact: For information and reservations contact Dennis Abraham at (734) 721-2917 or fightingirish316@scbglobal.net, Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or chknlit@wideopenwest.com or Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com

THANKSGIVING TROT

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 24, 8:30 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: Start Thanksgiving Day off on the right foot and make a preemptive strike against Thanksgiving weight gain by running or walking in Canton's ninth annual Turkey Trot. Entry fees are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 11 and under. Event day registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Summit Banquet Room. Participants can register online at <http://csc.canton-mi.org> now through Nov. 20. Register by November 16th to receive a commemorative T-Shirt.
Contact: For more information, visit <http://csc.canton-mi.org> or call the Canton Sports Center at 734/483-5600.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.
Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.
Contact: Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Friday, Dec. 2, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Steeplechase of Northville, 17174 Crestbrook Drive in Northville
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with Toll Brothers Inc., hosts a Holiday Open House at their spectacular community, Steeplechase of Northville. You are invited to leisurely tour the luxurious Harding Country Manor model home. The evening also includes raffles, appetizers from local restaurants, a chocolate fountain and musical entertainment. Valet service provided and sponsored by Toll Brothers. Cost is \$40 per adult prior, \$45 at the door.
Contact: Call New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 by Nov. 30 or register online at www.newhopecenter.net

COLLEGE PLANNING

Date/Time: Dec. 1, 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main
Details: The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will sponsor a free two-part program for high school students and parents who are approaching college decisions. John Boshoven, Counselor for Continuing Education at Ann Arbor's Community High School and the Frankel Jewish Academy in West Bloomfield will share years of experience in this field. The programs include: Finding the College that Fits, Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., and Paying for the College that Fits, Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.
Contact: Register for these programs by calling the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.



Santa lives

Spotlight on Youth presents "SANTA LIVES! Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" Dec. 8-11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Inspired by the famous editorial by Francis R. Church of the "New York Sun Times" an 8-year old girl, Virginia O'Hanlon asked if there really was a Santa Claus. The show is 90 minutes long and perfect for youngsters. Santa Claus will be available after the show to take photos with kids. Show dates are 7 p.m. Dec. 8-9, 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 10, and 2 p.m. Dec. 11. Tickets (\$9-\$10 each) are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org.



The Plymouth Rotary Club's 2011 public safety honorees and their supervisors were in demand for photo opportunities at the year Lt. Charles Mann, Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, township officer of the year Mark Hoffman, Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox, Plymouth police officers of the year Tom Koval and Alex Fox, Huron Valley Ambulance paramedic of the year Vince Waryas, and Paul Hood, HVA's vice president.

AWARDS

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Officers Alex Fox and Tom Koval. Both work the night shift, and in February were the first on the scene of a early morning fire at an apartment complex on Plymouth Road. Under heavy smoke and with temperatures around zero, said Police Chief Al Cox, the two searched the complex, alerting many residents to the fire and even pulling some of them from their beds.
"As a result of their courage and dedication, all the residents were evacuated to safety," Cox said. Koval, a five-year veteran, and Fox, an officer for two years, remained on the scene for six hours, he said.
Koval and Fox's night shift also means they respond to domestic dis-



Plymouth Police Al Cox, left, poses with Plymouth's police officers of the year: Tom Koval (center) and Alex Fox. Night-shift officers Fox and Koval were praised for their rescue of several residents during a fire at a Plymouth apartment complex in February.

turbances, confront disorderly bar patrons and arrested drunken drivers, "basically a lot of hands-on work," Cox said. Koval won a Mothers Against Drunken Driving award in 2008 for a high number of drunken-driving arrests. John Folino, chairman

of the Rotary's public safety awards committee, said he was proud to be involved with honoring the five, and asked fellow Rotarians to offer personal thanks when they see police officers, firefighters and paramedics. Chief Tiderington

thanked the Rotary for the recognition. "As Rotarians, you lead by example, demonstrating the importance of giving back to the community," he said.

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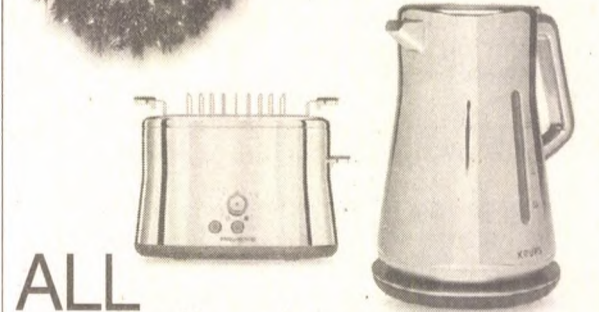


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Nearly 100 people attended the Grieving with Great Hope workshop at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Workshop provides tools for grieving

During the four Wednesdays in October, leading up to All Souls Day, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish in Plymouth held a workshop called Grieving with Great Hope.

The program was run by Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization that helps Catholic churches tend to the needs of their grieving parishioners. Organizers called the workshop "prayerful, practical and personal" and said it "helps give people the tools to navigate their way through their own valley of grief."

Almost 100 people registered. Most came grieving the loss of a parent, a spouse or a child, but some lost another relative or a friend. 50% of the grieving people came from Catholic churches, other than OLGC. Some included, St Anastasia in Troy, Divine Child in Dearborn, St. Aiden's in Livonia, Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington Hills, St. Valentine in Redford and many more. Organizers said 96 percent of the attendees rated the workshop very good or excellent

and 100% said they wanted this program at their church.

"After a year and a half of crying every day, I have found myself 'stuck' in emptiness," attendee Caroline Pribble said. "That ceremony blew it out for me."

The opening night was in church where Fr. John Riccardo, Pastor at OLGC, spoke of hope, love, faith and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sandy and John O'Shaughnessy, the co-founders of Good Mourning Ministry told their own riveting true stories of loss and a return to hope.

The next three nights were in the social hall. These nights, people learned about the grief journey. Topics included the stress of grief, grief and mourning, The Seven Intentions of Mourning, how men and women grieve, disenfranchised grief, the factors and expressions of grief and many more. People were grouped in small tables based on age and loss. Time was allowed for informal table discussions where people got to share their stories and meet

new friends. Every participant received the Grieving with Great Hope workbook which doubles as a personal prayer guide, grief journal and a resource list.

The closing ceremony was back in church. During this time, people had time for quiet prayer before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. They also lit a candle in honor of their loved and received a blessing from Fr. John. Matthew Samelak, the music director sang the Litany of the Saints.

"I so enjoyed these last four weeks," said Connie DeMarco. "I met people that I hope to stay in touch with and know that I will never forget. I would recommend this to anyone in pain."

Two more workshops are planned for next spring. St. Michael the Archangel in Livonia will host a four week workshop beginning on March 7. OLGC will have a five week program that will begin April 18. For more information, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningministry.net.

City Hall workers enjoy sneak peek at Lightfest

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Five Plymouth City Hall employees got a little preview of the Wayne County Lightfest on Tuesday — and walked a few miles for a good cause.

Donning matching Plymouth sweatshirts, Trish Bridges, Nancy Anderson, Dawn Shiye, Sandy Coram and Maria Farris participated in an eight-kilometer (nearly five miles) fun run and walk along Hines Drive, where the holiday light show is on display.

The route took them through Hines Park between Merriman in Livonia and the Warren-dale area in Detroit. They took Bridges' golden retriever, Hayley, with them.

"I enjoyed it immensely," said Farris, who works in the city's finance department. Farris said she had previously only seen the Lightfest from the windows of a vehicle. "Walking and

driving is a completely different experience," she said.

"It's the beginning of a new tradition," said Bridges, adding it was a good opportunity for the women to spend time together outside of the office. Bridges, who also works in the finance department, said that while some of the lights were out due to recent rains, she especially enjoyed the displays depicting dinosaurs, and the figures of skiers heading down a hill near Hines Drive in the area of Inkster Road.

The women got their white Plymouth sweatshirts from the Plymouth Cultural Center, and each received an event T-shirt. The fun run and walk raised money for Wayne County Parks.

"We're already planning for next year," said Farris.

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Plymouth City Hall employees, from left, Maria Farris, Sandy Coram, Trish Bridges, Nancy Anderson and Dawn Shiye, with Bridges' golden retriever, Hayley, got together Tuesday evening for a preview of the Wayne County Lightfest during an eight-kilometer fun run and walk.

SHOPPING

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"That just looks fantastic," said Tony Bruscatto, the DDA's operations manager. "We've gotten a lot of great feedback and compliments."

Parent said he'll work to broaden the project next year; business owners, he said, are seeing the value of it.

"The idea is to create that resort atmosphere and get walking traffic downtown during the colder months," Parent said.

Meanwhile, the chamber, as it does every year,

will sponsor the arrival of Santa Claus in Kellogg Park at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25. A magician, Alan Smile, will warm up the crowd beginning at 5:30 p.m., before Santa's arrival by fire truck. The DDA is sponsoring Smile's appearance.

"I think that's a great example of how we work together," Bruscatto said.

Other downtown holiday events include:

- The Walk of Trees, which began Friday. Seventy Christmas trees, decorated by families, service clubs, scouting troops, businesses and other organizations, are on display in Kellogg

Park through December. The Walk of Trees is sponsored by the chamber.

- Gingerbread houses are on display at 30 downtown retailers and other businesses through Friday, Dec. 23. Viewers can vote for their favorites and forms are available at the participating businesses and at the chamber offices on West Ann Arbor Trail.
- Dashing Through the Stores, a shopping event for women, is 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. Participants can shop, have refreshments and fill out wish lists to give to their significant others

and family members.

Friday is the traditional start of the Christmas shopping season, but Bruscatto said that while there is typically an increase in foot traffic later in the day on Black Friday, many shoppers flock to big-box stores on that day, while traffic at Plymouth's specialty shops is steady for the whole season.

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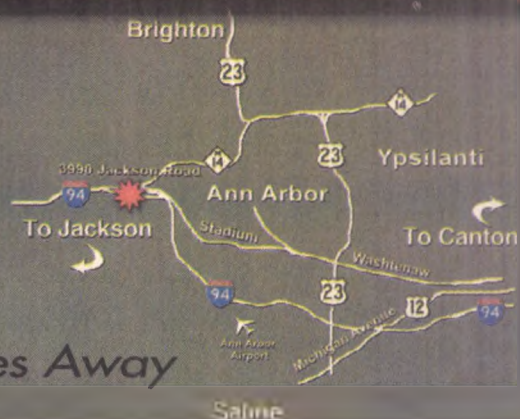
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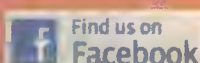
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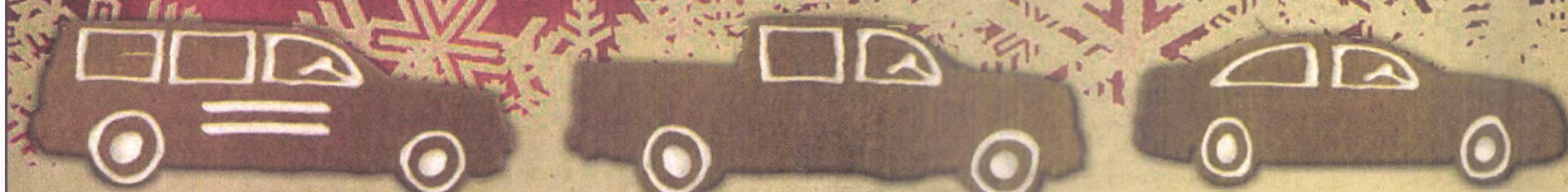
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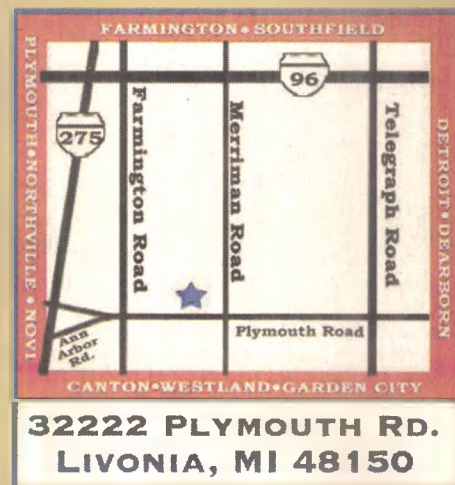
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