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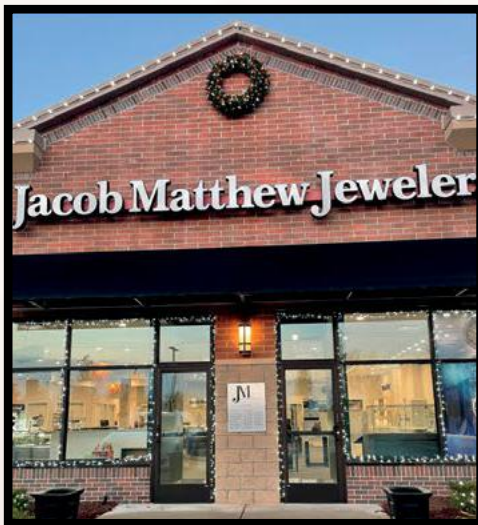
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We make that commitment even more personal. With a purchase on Small Business Saturday, customers receive a gift card to another locally owned small business. It is our way of encouraging our customers to keep the spirit of shopping local going long after they leave our doors.

And giving back has always been part of who we are. Over nearly 10 years in business, Jacob Matthew Jewelers has donated almost \$650,000 back to our community, supporting local programs, clubs, schools, and organizations. We are proud to be part of a community that continually shows up for one another - and grateful for every customer who makes that giving possible.



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This holiday season, we invite you to shop local, give local, and create something meaningful. Come see why generations of families in the Metro Detroit area have trusted Jacob Matthew Jewelers with the moments - and the memories - that matter the most.



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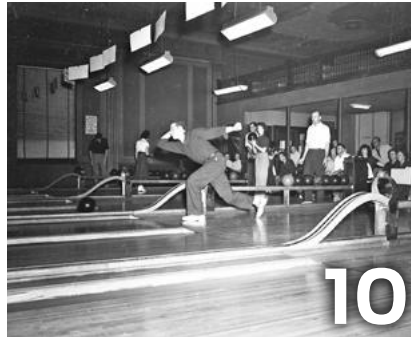
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From the SUPERVISOR

Back to Basics Through Collaboration and Community Investment

PLYMOUTH Township is focusing its efforts on the fundamentals: strong partnerships, essential infrastructure and projects that enhance everyday life for our residents. At the core of this direction is our commitment to collaboration, especially with Wayne County, whose support continues to make significant improvements possible throughout the Township.

The refurbished underpass pump house on Ann Arbor Road within the Downtown Development Authority is a notable example of how we are preserving vital infrastructure while improving the appearance and functionality of key community assets. Additionally, work is progressing on the CSX Railroad



underpass project, which will create a crucial pedestrian connection from the eastern portion of Plymouth Township to Lilley Road. This improvement will create walkability and offer residents safer access to the city of Plymouth.

Another exciting development is the newly secured funding for a walking path along Wilcox Road. Once complete, this path will connect Lake Pointe area neighborhoods directly to Hines Park and the newly refurbished Ford factory, offering new recreational opportunities and strengthening ties between residents and one of our region's most valued natural spaces.

We're also pleased to introduce and congratulate our newest Board members – Clerk Kim Gaedeke and Trustees Bill Ickes and Joe Reilly – whose energy and dedication will help carry this momentum forward. Together, with renewed leadership and collaboration, Plymouth Township is well-positioned to deliver reliable services our residents deserve.

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A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Linda Filipczak

WE had an amazing summer in Plymouth! From concerts and community events to familiar traditions, the hustle and bustle of the city was on full display. A new downtown resident recently summed it up perfectly: "This city is amazing. There is always something to do – how could anyone get bored?"

Downtown Plymouth's Friday Night Music in the Air hosted 14 concerts over the summer, including our own homegrown Nashville star, Grace West. Thank you to the Downtown Development Authority and Department of Municipal Services team for making another great concert season possible.

One of my favorite parts of summer

was bringing friends from across southeast Michigan to Plymouth for dinner and music. They all left saying the same thing: "What an impressive and fun city!"

While Friday night music has come to an end, there is plenty more ahead. Fall is always an active time of the year in Plymouth, and the holidays bring many events and activities that all ages will



enjoy! After the holidays, the community also looks forward to the Plymouth Ice Festival, which is one of the largest winter festivals around.

That energy extends to our business

community. Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce membership continues to grow, with more than 48 ribbon cuttings in the past nine months celebrating new businesses, anniversaries and relocations.

Summer may be over, but Plymouth certainly isn't winding down. There is always something happening and another reason to enjoy our community.



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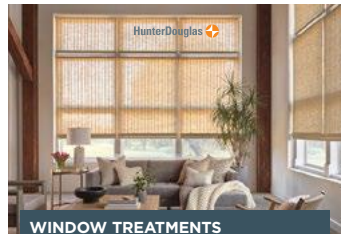


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The Midnight Forest at Plymouth District Library:

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

LAST quarter, *Plymouth Today* featured a write up about Plymouth District Library's new playspace, the Midnight Forest. Now that the space has been open awhile, the library would like to share some tips, expectations and FAQs for those looking to pay us a visit.

What is the Midnight Forest?

The Midnight Forest is the newest addition to our Youth Level. Fanciful features like a tree slide, log crawler and turf help kids engage in imaginative play, surrounded by books and toys. The space is designed as a gentle place for quiet discoveries, creative adventures and play-based learning.

To enhance creative play, parents may browse a menu of imaginative toys at the Youth Help Desk and check them out with your library card for use in the Midnight Forest. Selections are occasionally rotated to give children new experiences.

Did the library get rid of the books and movies that used to be in this space?

These resources are still here! We just moved things around to make better use of the space. Children's movies and video games can now be found on the main floor near the holds shelf. Youth audiobooks and early reader books are along the walls to the left and right of the Help Desk.

Why should a playspace be at a library?

The library is an important community hub and our mission is to "share resources to create connection and opportunity for our entire community, because we are stronger together." Post-pandemic, children (and parents!) need opportunities to connect, to practice socialization and to move and explore, especially during cold months. The Midnight Forest provides an admission-free space that addresses these needs.

But doesn't that mean that people are coming to play instead of reading books?

We're pleased to report that the opposite is true! Kids and families who come for the play stay for the books! Since introducing the Midnight Forest, the library's foot traffic has soared and circulation numbers are higher than ever. In addition, our Summer Reading Program had a record number of participants who logged nearly 16,000 hours of summer reading.

Photo by Abby Bartes, Abby B. Photography



I came around the time of the Grand Opening and it was a little too much. Is it still like that?

After months of waiting, we anticipated this initial high level of excitement. Over time things are settling into a better rhythm. As we observe the Midnight Forest and accept feedback from our visitors, we are continuing to make changes to improve the experience of our patrons in an effort to make it sustainable and enjoyable for the future. If you've not been in for a while, we welcome you to visit again!



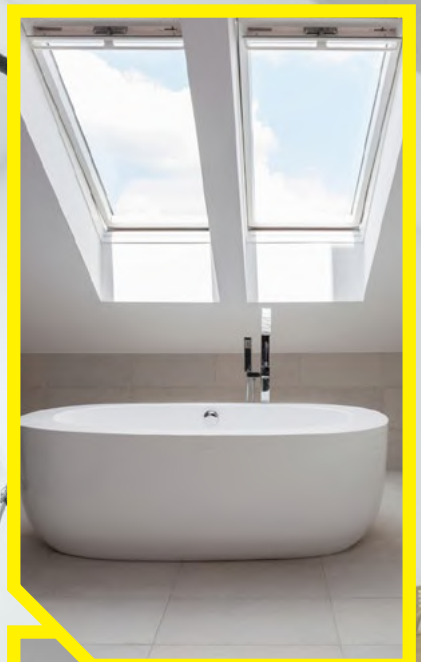
What rules are in place to keep things under control?

Adults can help keep the magic alive by being engaged participants in your child's play, as well as following these guidelines upon entering:

- Remain with your children at all times.
- Help your kids use their walking feet and indoor voices.
- Redirect climbing, jumping and rough play to more mellow, imaginative games.
- Shoes must remain on at all times.
- Refrain from eating food in the play area.
- Please keep children from climbing the decorative mushrooms on the tree.
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We hope that this guide helps you plan your next trip to our library – we are so excited to welcome you.

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A History of Bowling in Plymouth

By Elizabeth Kerstens and Ellen Elliott

In the 19th century there were laws banning bowling alleys in Michigan, but by the turn of the century those laws were considered dead letters; still technically valid, but municipalities chose not to enforce them.

In 1903 the Staup Brothers came to Plymouth and set up a bowling alley in a tent. They offered the “interesting and innocent amusement” for both ladies and gentlemen, with ladies being allowed to participate for free on Thursday afternoons.

The following year in Northville, Scherer & Cattermole Bowling Alley opened and teams from Plymouth were traveling there to compete.

At the turn of the 20th Century, municipalities passed ordinances to regulate all forms of amusement and entertainment. On April 16, 1906, the Village Council in Plymouth instituted an annual fee of \$10 for owners of bowling alleys to license their facilities.

In 1916 Ed Hinkley leased the Tighe building on Penniman Avenue and opened a bowling alley that would only remain in business for about two years before it was turned into a pool hall by T.P. Sherman.



P&A Bowling

By 1920, bowling was all the rage, and more lanes were needed to help meet the demand. The P&A Auditorium on Penniman Avenue became the next hot spot when four lanes were installed in the basement of the building. The following year, the Village of Plymouth published a more comprehensive and restrictive ordinance requiring a license before opening, limiting hours of operation and putting restrictions on gambling and the minimum age for participants.

Parkview Recreation, owned by Robert Todd and Manna Blunk, opened in September 1939 on Ann Arbor Trail with nearly 500 bowling fans in attendance. That same month, the Plymouth City



Parkview Recreation

Commission amended the previous bowling alley ordinance. After discovering that Plymouth bowlers were going to other cities to bowl on Sundays, they changed the ordinance to allow facilities to operate between 1:00 and 11:45 p.m. on that day of the week.

Plymouth Recreation opened in Odd Fellows Hall on Main Street in 1941. This was an

unusual location in that it was on the second floor of the building. The bowling alley operated at this site until 1951,



Plymouth Recreation

opened on Plymouth Road followed by the closing of Parkview Recreation Center in 1963.

Plaza Lanes, which has been in operation for 52 years, opened in 1974 and became the only bowling facility in Plymouth after Plymouth Bowl closed in 1995.



The Plymouth Historical Museum is spotlighting Michigan history during 2026 with two special exhibits celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. The first highlighted the years 1776 to 1900; the second focuses on the years 1900 to 2026, and runs through November 1.

The Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street in Plymouth and is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 6-17.

when the lanes were moved to create Arbor-Lil Bowling Alley at the corner of Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads.

In 1960 the lanes were moved again to a facility in Clarkston. Two years later, Plymouth Bowl



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Hines Park Lincoln's Commitment to Community Goes Beyond the Showroom

THERE is something special about a business that becomes part of a community's story. Not simply a place to shop or receive service, but a familiar name built on relationships, trust and generations of doing right by people.

For families throughout Plymouth and the surrounding communities, Hines Park Lincoln has worked to become just that. A place where customers are treated like neighbors, relationships matter and a commitment to the community extends well beyond the showroom.

A Legacy Built on Trust

Long before today's vehicles, technology and modern showroom, Hines Park's foundation was built on a simple philosophy established by founder George Kolb: Treat people with honesty, fairness and respect.

"If it is the truth, honest and fair, then it is good for both of us and therefore the basis upon which our relationship can long endure."

Those words were more than a business philosophy. They became a guiding principle that has carried through

generations of the Kolb family and continues to shape the way Hines Park Lincoln serves its customers today.

It's a commitment that goes beyond selling or servicing vehicles. It's about earning someone's confidence, standing behind your word and building relationships that last for years.



Rooted in the Plymouth Community

Few communities embody the spirit of tradition and connection quite like Plymouth.

From the vibrant streets of downtown Plymouth and its beloved seasonal celebrations to its welcoming neighborhoods, exceptional schools and strong family traditions, there's a shared sense of pride among the people who call this community home.

Hines Park Lincoln shares that same sense of pride.

For the dealership, being part of the Plymouth community means more than simply doing business here. It means getting to know the families who call it home, supporting organizations that make a difference and being present for the moments that bring neighbors together.

That connection is reflected in the generations of customers who continue to place their trust in Hines Park Lincoln. Parents who first visited years ago now return with their children. Longtime customers become friends, and familiar faces are welcomed back year after year.



These relationships are at the heart of what makes a locally rooted, family-owned business special.

Showing Up Where It Matters Most

The commitment to community is perhaps most evident in what happens outside the dealership.

Through its involvement with organizations such as Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the local United Way, and The Pink Fund, Hines Park Lincoln demonstrates its belief that supporting a strong community means investing in the people and organizations that make it thrive.

The dealership is also proud to support cherished local traditions, including the popular Music in the Air concert series and Christmas in Plymouth and Mistletoe Market.

These events are part of what makes Plymouth such a wonderful place to live. They bring families downtown, connect generations, support local businesses, and create memories that last long after the celebrations end.

For Hines Park Lincoln, being involved isn't simply about having its name associated with an event. It's about helping preserve the traditions and strengthen the community that so many of its customers, employees and their families call home.

Carrying the Family Legacy Forward

Today, the values established by George Kolb continue to influence the way Hines Park Lincoln serves its customers and community.

As George's granddaughter and Director of Operations and Administration, Alyssa Kolb Hemmelgarn is part of the third generation of the family helping preserve those traditions. For Alyssa, the family legacy is about more than the automotive business. It's about the relationships, reputation and trust that have been built over generations.

"One thing my grandfather made very clear is that trust is something you

earn every single day," Alyssa said. "It is not built on one transaction, it is built over time, through consistency, honesty and doing what is right."

That philosophy continues to guide the entire Hines Park Lincoln team, from the personal attention customers

receive to the dealership's commitment to supporting the communities it serves.

While the automotive industry has changed considerably over the years, the importance of treating people fairly, keeping promises and building lasting relationships remains as relevant today as it was when George Kolb first established the business.

More Than a Dealership. A Community Partner.

As Plymouth continues to grow and evolve, Hines Park Lincoln looks forward to growing alongside the community.

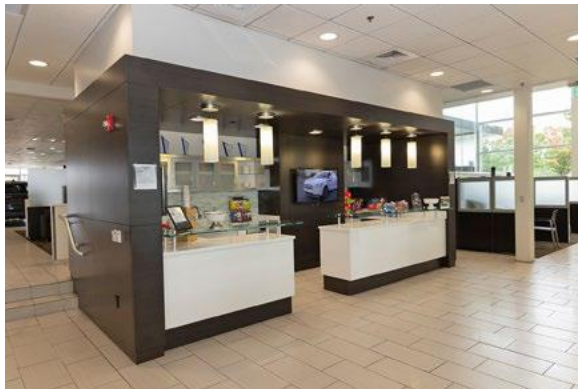
The vehicles will change. Technology will advance. And new generations of families will make Plymouth their home.

But some things should never change.

A handshake that means something. A familiar face who remembers your name. A business that stands behind its word and believes in giving back to the people who support it.

For Hines Park Lincoln, that's not simply a way of doing business.

It's a family legacy, a community commitment and a promise worth carrying forward.



A Familiar Face, A New Home

Hines Park Lincoln is also excited to welcome a familiar face to the team, Sales Consultant Vicky Elias. Having served customers throughout Plymouth and the surrounding communities for years, Vicky brings a wealth of experience, established relationships and a genuine passion for delivering exceptional customer care.

"For me, it's always been about the people and the relationships we build," Vicky shared. "I want every client to feel valued, comfortable and confident that their best interests always come first."

Vicky's commitment to personalized service and putting customers first makes her a natural fit for the Hines Park Lincoln family. It's another way the dealership continues to build on its tradition of trust, relationships and taking care of the community it proudly serves.





For The Kids

Annual Plymouth charity hockey games support Penrickton Center for Blind Children

By Ryan M. Place

FOR Ray Widdick, hockey is about more than what happens on the ice. "It's all about the kids," he said. "We're playing for the kids."

On Monday, November 9, 2026, Widdick, co-chairmen Bob Budlong and Doug Morrison, and dozens of local hockey players will gather at the Plymouth Cultural Center for the 8th annual Over 60/70 All-Star Charity Hockey Games benefiting the Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

Three games begin at 9, 10 and 11 a.m., with 60 players and six goalies taking part. Spectators can attend for free, with donations encouraged.

Widdick, a longtime Penrickton donor along with Budlong and Morrison, created the fundraiser eight years ago after looking for an organization to support.

"I discovered Penrickton and quickly fell in love with its mission," Widdick said.

Founded in Taylor in 1952, Penrickton serves children ages 1 to 12 who are visually impaired and have at least one additional disability. Its day care, residential and consultation programs share one central goal: helping children become more independent.

"We try to get the kids as independent as possible," said Executive Director Patty Obrzut, who has worked at Penrickton since 1987.

An occupational therapist, Obrzut is nationally known for her expertise in Active Learning, an approach for children with significant disabilities. She trained directly with its creator, Danish psychologist Dr. Lilli Nielsen, and now trains other professionals in the method.

Inside Penrickton, children develop skills ranging from communication and play to walking and balance. A ceiling-mounted track and harness system, for example, allows children with physical disabilities to practice standing, balancing and moving independently.

Families are not charged for Penrickton's services. The organization is

supported entirely through donations. That makes fundraisers like the annual hockey game especially important.

Last year's hockey games raised \$19,506. Budlong and Morrison help Widdick organize the event, including a placemat-style fundraising program where businesses and individuals can contribute a \$50 minimum to have their business cards displayed.

"Every penny goes to the center," Budlong said.

Morrison organizes the games for the day.

Much of the event itself is donated. The arena provides ice time, while a caterer provides lunch after each game. Players make a minimum \$50 donation to participate, and each \$50 donated earns an entry into a raffle. The players come largely from the senior hockey community.

For Widdick, however, the final score isn't particularly important. After eight years, Widdick and his fellow players keep returning to the ice for the same reason.

"We're playing for the kids," he reiterated.



Ray Widdick

The games take place Monday, November 9, 2026, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. Admission is free, with donations encouraged. Those unable to attend can also support the center at www.penrickton.org.



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Plymouth's Walk of Trees

Annual favorite tradition returns, with some new holiday décor, same Christmas spirit

FOR over 25 years the Walk of Trees has become a magnet for many to the center of town in December. Walking a path lined with decorated evergreens in Kellogg Park draws residents and visitors alike, and highlights why Plymouth is known as "Christmas Town."

Each tree is decorated to tell a different story. Some of the evergreens are designed in memory of a loved one and others are sponsored by local organizations, individuals, scout troops and businesses. Together they reflect a strong community effort.

The event is run by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Bank of Ann Arbor.

"The Walk of Trees, combined with the other decorations in Kellogg Park, set the backdrop for Plymouth to be a genuine Christmas town," said Chamber President Wes Graff. "From there, the stores, restaurants, Penn Theatre, and lamp posts with lighted snowflakes carry the Christmas spirit throughout the downtown."

This year, the Chamber has donated a new decorative-style English mailbox for kids to drop off their letters to Santa.

"We also donated three whimsical polar bears that will be around the fountain," Graff said. "In addition, the DDA is adding new holiday decor on the Main Street boulevard to replace the lights that were previously in the trees."

Visitors to the walk will again find Elf and the Grinch, which are perfect for taking holiday selfies. Beyond Elf and Grinch, you will also be able to find Kevin from "Home Alone".

"The Walk of Trees transforms downtown Plymouth into a winter wonderland that sparks holiday nostalgia in adults and builds holiday excitement for local youth," said Sam Plymale, Plymouth Downtown Development Authority director. "For many, Kellogg Park is the only place to catch a glimpse of Santa and make holiday memories that last a lifetime. It also spurs people to come down and have dinner and go shopping here in downtown. It's a picturesque town."



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Sam P.



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Friday December 11th 11 AM - 8 PM | Downtown Plymouth
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- A** Downtown Pourhouse Tavern
- E** E.G. Nick's
- D** Fiamma Grill & Bar
- A** Fourgrounds
- B** Helen's Bakery
- E** Ironwood Grill
- C** Jimmy John's
- E** Kemnitz Fine Candies
- D** Kilwins
- A** La Pecora Nera
- E** Maya's Deli (faces Harvey St)
- D** NICO & VALI Italian Eatery
- F** Omelette & Waffle Café
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- C** Park Place Gastro Pub
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- B** Starbucks
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- B** Thai Ocha
- C** The Ebenezer (alley)
- C** The Highline Room/Highline Spirits
- C** The Ledger
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- C** Westborn Market

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- C** The Room Hair & Design
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Historical Interest

- 1** Baker House
- 2** Conner Building
- 3** Curtiss House
- 4** Former U.S. Post Office
- 5** Penniman Buildings
- 6** Plymouth Historical Museum
- 7** Plymouth Rock
- 8** Plymouth United Savings Bank
- 9** Rose of Aberlone
- 10** Wilcox House

Points of Interest

- 1** Kellogg Park
- 2** Wilcox Fountain
- 3** The Gathering Pavilion
- 4** Penn Theatre

Health/Fitness

- H** 11:11 Reiki Connection
- D** Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio (alley)
- D** Haus of Pilates
- E** Plymouth Yoga Room
- E** Pure Barre
- H** Stepping Stones Wellness Center
- C** Wise Body Solutions
- C** Xclusive Fitness

Other Services

- C** 10 & 2 Driving Academy
- D** Amy Ross Studio Photography
- E** Creatopia Pottery
- C** eBay Media
- E** Forest Place Optical
- E** Fully Promoted Plymouth
- C** Gold Thread Tailoring & Alteration (alley)
- B** Meeting House Grand Ballroom
- A** Nikki Closser Photography
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- E** Plymouth Community United Way
- A** Plymouth District Library
- B** Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (alley)



Christmas in Plymouth

WONDER AROUND EVERY CORNER

THERE'S a moment, every December, when the cold stops being something you put up with and starts being part of the magic.

Maybe it's the sound of harness bells coming up Ann Arbor Trail as a horse-drawn carriage rolls past, its lanterns swaying. Maybe it's your kid, mittens on and eyes wide, standing perfectly still on the sidewalk because something just came around the corner that they can't quite believe.

That moment lives in Plymouth.

Christmas in Plymouth fills downtown for two full days, Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12. The festival has no single big attraction – it has lots of small ones. Sun & Snow, the festival's host, puts it simply: Wonder Around Every Corner.

Mistletoe Market

If there's one place to begin, it's here.

Mistletoe Market, down Penniman Avenue beside the Penn Theatre, feels like a European Christmas market that found its way to Michigan. More than 60 makers and artisans fill the stalls with handcrafted gifts, seasonal decor, specialty foods and pieces made right here in the mitten.

Grab a warm drink and take your time. Finish your gift list, or forget the list entirely. You'll leave with something that has a story behind it.

The Park at the Heart

Kellogg Park is just a short walk away. The Walk of Trees lines the paths in color, and the Ehlers Holiday Train takes its slow, happy loop past them. You'll walk through the illuminated tunnel once, then again. Everybody does.

Listen Closely

You'll hear the music before you see it: carolers, school choirs, a band and dancers. Santa is out among the crowds with familiar holiday characters, trading hugs for smiles.

There's something new this year: surprise. Look for costumed characters on a grand scale, and maybe a performer on stilts waving down at the kids. The lineup is still coming together, so keep an eye on the website.

The Little Ones

Candy Cane Corner, inside a heated tent on Forest Avenue, is where letters to Santa get written in careful crayon and cookies get more frosting than anyone planned. Carriages and wagons roll through the decorated streets, gingerbread creations wait on display, and hot cocoa is never far away.

Shop and Dine Downtown

Downtown Plymouth's independent shops and boutiques are full of gifts picked by people who know their customers by name. Buy a sweater, a

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book or a toy for someone small. Every purchase keeps a Michigan downtown going.

When the sun goes down, make a night of it. Book a table at one of downtown's many great restaurants for a holiday dinner with the whole family, cheeks still pink from the cold. It might be the part everyone remembers most.

It takes a whole town to pull off a weekend like this: volunteers, performers and local partners including Hines Park Lincoln, Finlan Insurance and Michigan First Credit Union. The Community Giving Tree collects gifts and supplies for the Foster Closet of Michigan.

Plan Your Visit

Admission is free. Carriage and wagon rides, Candy Cane Corner and certain other activities need separate tickets, so book early. Free shuttle service is planned to connect parking with downtown.

Bundle up and bring the kids. When they stop in the middle of the sidewalk to stare at something wonderful, don't hurry them along.

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Tucked away in the heart of downtown Plymouth, The Hidden Stem is one of the city's newest hidden gems. The shop's entrance is located at 843 Penniman Avenue in the rear of the building, near the lower parking structure on Fleet Street.

Owner Tina Crowe opened The Hidden Stem in August with a vision of creating something that went beyond the traditional flower shop. A welcoming space centered around flowers, creativity and community.

With a background as a longtime small business owner and training in floral design, Crowe wanted to create a shop that combines professionally designed florals with unique experiences and thoughtfully curated products.

Inside the 2,500-square-foot space, customers will find fresh florals alongside a selection of home décor, floral design books, high-end vases, table décor, gifts and other unique finds.

The Hidden Stem also features a warm and inviting private event space designed for intimate gatherings such as bridal showers, baby showers, birthday celebrations and dinner parties.

Floral design and seasonal workshops are another important part of the shop. Guests can enjoy a hands-on experience while receiving step-by-step guidance and professional floral design tips as they create an arrangement to take home. Private workshops are also available for groups looking for a unique way to celebrate or gather together.

For events outside the shop, The Hidden Stem offers its signature floral cart for rent. The mobile flower bar allows guests to select stems and create their own bouquets, adding an interactive floral experience to showers, parties, corporate events and other celebrations.

The shop's floral designs have a fresh, modern and garden inspired style, with an emphasis on premium blooms, interesting textures and arrangements tailored to each client and occasion. The Hidden Stem creates everything from everyday bouquets and custom arrangements to centerpieces, event florals, wedding bouquets, corsages and other special-order designs.

As The Hidden Stem continues to grow, Crowe hopes to expand the floral design team and continue developing the shop's event, workshop and floral offerings.

More than simply a place to purchase flowers, The Hidden Stem was created as a destination where people can shop, gather, celebrate and experience flowers in a new way.

"We wanted The Hidden Stem to feel like more than a traditional flower shop," Crowe said. "Whether someone is stopping in for flowers, attending a workshop, hosting a celebration or just browsing the store, we want it to be a place people enjoy coming to."

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SCRATCH-MADE STAPLES

La Pecora Nera serves up freshness, community connection at Plymouth's newest Italian deli By Kelsi Klein

FOR La Pecora Nera, the recipe to success has always included the freshest, highest quality ingredients and passion for mastering the art of the Florentine style sandwich.

This philosophy has helped the popular Italian deli and café grow from its first location in downtown Detroit in 2017 to locations in Farmington, Birmingham and now Plymouth.

The Plymouth location officially opened in June at 873 W. Ann Arbor Trail and serves up a variety of fresh Italian sandwiches, salads, espresso and more.

According to owner David Ayyash, La Pecora Nera focuses on executing high-quality, scratch made food as best as possible.

"We take pride in our sandwich craft and amazing quality ingredients," he said.

La Pecora Nera's sourdough focaccia bread, a very important part of what they do, is from Rising Stars Bakery and all natural – no preservatives and no conditioner.

Their soup is made in-house and their Italian dressing is made with 100 percent olive oil. They also use fresh herbs and spices in their scratch-made dressings and sauces, their croutons are homemade and they do as much as they can from scratch.

The menu features a variety of sandwiches, salads, soups, sides, organic coffee drinks and Italian desserts.

"We really focus on high-quality ingredients and a smaller menu that we can really execute well," Ayyash said.

La Pecora Nera offers a sandwich of the

month in addition to rotating their menu every six to 12 months to bring variety to their lineup that is known and loved across Metro Detroit.

"We love the products we serve and take a lot of energy in finding the best ingredients to bring in," Ayyash said.

Beyond dine-in and takeout, the restaurant also offers catering options that include sandwiches, salads, desserts

and more, and can be done as lunchbox options with pre-wrapped sandwiches or trays for family-style gatherings perfect for all occasions.

Coffee beverages are a staple at the La Pecora Nera cafes, with drinks like espresso, lattes, cortados, americanos and cappuccinos on the menu that pair perfectly with their fresh deli fare and sweets like freshly baked cookies, hand-stuffed cannoli and pizzelle.

For Ayyash, Plymouth was an obvious choice for La Pecora Nera's latest location.

"I live at the edge of Plymouth and Northville, so I'm in Plymouth all the time," he said. "I ride my bike here all the time. I grew up coming here and it's the place I take my wife and family

to hang out. It's a very great community and we love being a part of it."

For La Pecora Nera, their newest Plymouth location is more than just another expansion of their brand in the Metro Detroit area. It's a representation of passion for high-quality food and community connection.

The Plymouth location is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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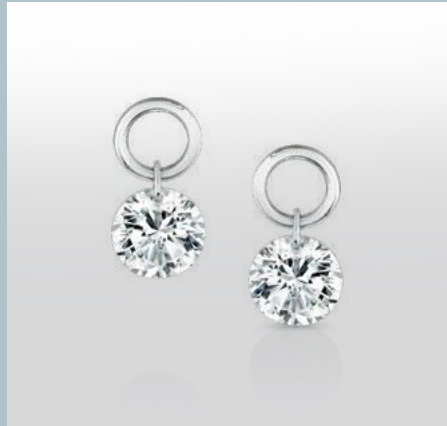


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Plymouth tattoo artist has spent nearly two decades making her mark on Old Village

By Ryan M. Place

FOR Trish Horstman, art has never been confined to a canvas.

From oil painting and tattooing to vintage motorcycles and community service, creativity has shaped nearly every chapter of the Plymouth artist and business owner's life.

"I grew up in biker culture," Horstman said. "My dad was in a motorcycle club and played in a heavy metal band."

Horstman grew up in Williamston, near Lansing, surrounded by motorcycles and music. Her father played in the 1980s heavy metal band Ded Engine, while Horstman found her own creative outlet through visual art.

She attended Michigan State University, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting in 2004, along with minors in art history and women's studies.

"I fell in love with American traditional tattooing," she said.

In 2002, Horstman was offered an apprenticeship at Lansing's Inkporium Tattoos, based on her drawings. For the next two years, she balanced college with graphic design work for motorcycle company Baker Drivetrain during the day and tattooing from 6 p.m. to midnight.

After graduating, she became a full-time tattoo artist and remained at Inkporium until 2008. Following a brief stint at Liquid Swordz in Ypsilanti, Horstman opened My Little Needle Tattoos in Plymouth's Old Village. The name was inspired by an Alkaline Trio song.

Nearly two decades later, My Little Needle grew to 12 artists and became a fixture in Old Village.

The shop regularly gives back through charity flash events, where customers select from specially created tattoo designs and proceeds are donated to charitable causes.

Once a year, Horstman also takes her employees to Lake Michigan as a show of gratitude.

Her interest in



tattooing extends well beyond creating the artwork. An art history buff, Horstman has a particular fascination with tattoo history. My Little Needle also displays gravestone rubbings honoring tattoo pioneers, including Percy Waters, who had two tattoo shops in downtown Detroit from 1918-39.

Motorcycles remain another lifelong passion.

"I own some vintage motorcycles," Horstman said.

Her collection includes a Honda and three Harleys. She also co-publishes Throttle Gals Magazine with Doni Muzzi, highlighting women in the motorsports industry.

Her husband, Evan Edwards, shares that passion. The Northville native owns Plymouth Cycle and Speed, now located in Westland. The couple married in 2015 and welcomed twin boys in December 2022.

After living on Thompson Lake in Howell from 2009 to 2023, the family made Old Village their home.

Horstman's connection to Plymouth has grown considerably since she first opened her tattoo shop there in 2008. She served on the Plymouth Planning Commission and now serves on the City Commission while also serving as president of the Old Village Association.

After watching Old Village evolve for nearly two decades, Horstman remains enthusiastic about the neighborhood and the larger Plymouth community.

"I love Plymouth," she said. "It's a very positive community with lots of great people."

Among her favorite local establishments are Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Thai Ocha and Meridian Coffee Company.

And despite tattooing professionally for many years, Horstman has never abandoned her first artistic medium. She still paints in oils and watercolors. For Horstman, art, motorcycles, business and community have all found a home in Plymouth.



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MAKING HIS FINAL RUN

Salem runner has set goals, credits coach for big improvement

By Terry Jacoby

AFTER moving up to 40th place at the Division 1 MHSAA Cross Country State Finals last year as a junior, Austin Mercado is looking to make his final run for Salem a memorable one.

The Salem senior has a routine he sticks to as soon as the gun goes off.

"During a race, I usually think about my positioning in the field for the first mile, trying to get into a good spot to be able to retain as much speed as I can through the second mile," he said. "The third mile is a nightmare for a lot of runners, but it is my favorite part of the race. That's when I begin to push through the pain as much as possible and try to catch as many runners as I can."

He said the final kick is extremely challenging both physically and mentally.

"Although I might not be physically stronger than all the runners I try to outkick, I can usually be mentally stronger in that moment and force myself to just get there before they do, no matter how much it hurts," he said.

The results have been impressive.

As a Salem freshman, Mercado ran a personal best of 18:19 for the 5000 meter (3.1 miles) distance, improved in his sophomore year to 16:19 and qualified for the MHSAA State Championships, placing 127th. Last year, as a junior, he improved his personal best to 15:39 to place 40th in the state finals.

"I have a very enjoyable coach-athlete relationship with Austin as he is an extremely coachable athlete whether it is in training or racing strategies," said Coach John Goodridge. "He is a quiet leader who leads by example and is greatly respected by his teammates. While he is a very personally motivated individual, he is not self-centered and cares for the success of his team."

Mercado, 17, credits his coach for a lot of his success, including last year's big improvement.

"I was pretty happy with how I placed at states last year, but I know I could have run a faster time," he said. "A lot of my success definitely comes from Coach Goodridge. He coached college for 40 years, as well as coaching 20 athletes who have competed internationally. He has helped shape my running career in a way I would have never thought possible back in ninth grade."

Mercado opened his 2026 season at the MSU Spartan Invitational Elite Race and placed eighth. He then won the Holly Invitational on September 19. He ran a personal best time of 15:06.14 to finish eighth at the Jackson Invitational on September 26.

"My main goal is to break the Salem school record, which stands at 15:26 currently," he said. "Going sub-15 would be a dream, so I'll just have to keep putting the work in and hope for the best. The team this year looks very promising, and I believe we could do very well at states. Our main goal is to beat the previous best Salem finish at states, which was sixth in 1989."

Austin, the son of Jason and Valerie Mercado, also enjoys playing the guitar and piano. He plays cello for the PCEP Symphony Orchestra and is in the STEM Academy Engineering Course.

His younger brother, Erik, is a freshman team member who recently placed second in the annual Salem Rambling Rock Invitational Freshman Race.

While he hasn't picked a school yet, Austin does plan on running in college.





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It Shouldn't Replace Thinking

Artificial Intelligence and Your Child By Tracy Willis

WHETHER we like it or not, artificial intelligence is all around us. It's a part of your child's daily life – be it homework help, search engines or browsing recommendations on Tik Tok, your child's world view is already shaped by AI.

You've probably wondered: Is this safe? Will this replace real learning? How do I support my child when AI technology is changing at lightning speed? Luckily, you don't need to know all the ins and outs to support your child.

Take fear out of the equation.

Conversations about AI are often fear-based. Instead, start from a place of curiosity.

"How do you use AI?"

"What do you like about it?"

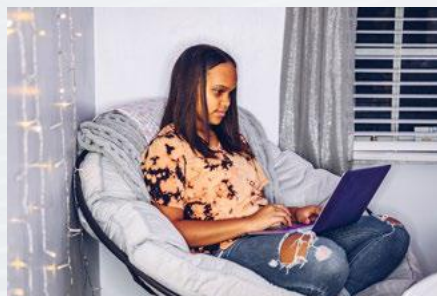
"What is frustrating about artificial intelligence?"

You might share your own experiences after listening to those of your child. If you start from a place of curiosity instead of judgment, you'll get honesty.

Recognize AI as a tool.

When first exposed to AI, students often see a potential shortcut: I can use this to do my homework! A healthier way to think about and use AI is as a tool for thinking. It shouldn't replace thinking.

One of your important roles is to help your child learn the difference between using AI to explore a topic versus using AI to replace thinking. Topic exploration could mean using AI to brainstorm ideas, ask follow-up questions or get deeper explanations. Using AI to replace thinking looks like



copying answers or submitting writing or work that your child doesn't really understand.

Teach critical thinking, not rules.

Your child needs to understand that AI makes mistakes. It is faulty.

- It can be biased.
- It can misrepresent facts.
- It sounds confident, even when it's incorrect.
- It doesn't consider values, ethics or truth when it shares information.

If your child chooses to use AI, they need to understand that they must fact check by comparing it to multiple sources. They need to ask: Who might benefit from sharing this information in this way? Information, artificial or otherwise, is often angled to persuade or sway thinking. You should also discuss how the information that is shared is influenced by the number of clicks something gets, not by the quality of the information.

Be open about ethics and values.

Author Sherrilyn Kenyon once said, "Just because you can doesn't mean you should." Artificial intelligence is a powerful tool. That doesn't mean it should be used for everything.

At-home discussions with you about the following questions will help set boundaries around AI for you and your family:

- Is it okay to use AI for art or writing?
- When is it acceptable to use AI for homework? When isn't it?
- Who owns AI-generated work?
- How do we protect our personal data when we use it?
- What types of AI feel unsafe or inappropriate to use?

One of the most powerful statements you can say to your child is, "I don't know all the answers. I'm learning this, too." This isn't about being the perfect parent. Helping your child navigate AI is about open conversations, your presence and attention to their lives and your willingness to learn with them.

Tracy has been teaching for over 30 years in and out of Michigan. She currently teaches middle school and spends her free time writing for publications and small businesses. When she's not putting pencil to paper or dreaming up ways to inspire her English students, she can be found in the woods on the trails.



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When Mom Says She's 'Fine'

As a Senior Living and Care Consultant, I spend a great deal of time listening. One phrase I hear repeatedly is, "Mom says she's fine."



Those four words often leave families wondering what to do next. Should they respect her wishes? Should they be concerned? Or is it time to start a conversation?

Here's how to start the conversation before a crisis starts it for you.

When Mom says she's fine, start with curiosity, not conclusions. Try asking:

- How are you feeling about managing everything at home?
- What parts of your day are becoming more difficult?
- If you needed a little help, what would you want help with first?
- What would help you feel safer while staying independent?

Before assuming your loved one needs more help, or avoiding the conversation altogether, start by listening. Open-ended questions can help you understand better how they are feeling and what matters most to them.

When Mom says she's fine, sometimes she is. Sometimes she's simply trying to protect her independence. Sometimes she's protecting her family from worrying. And sometimes she truly doesn't realize how much has changed.

I've learned that most older adults aren't refusing help, they're trying to hold on to the life they've built.

If you're unsure where to begin, you don't have to figure it out alone. Sometimes a simple conversation with someone who understands the options can make all the difference.



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~Carl N., 78 years old

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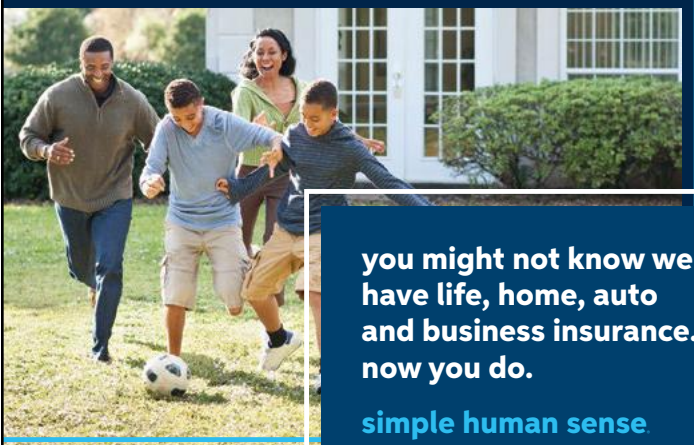
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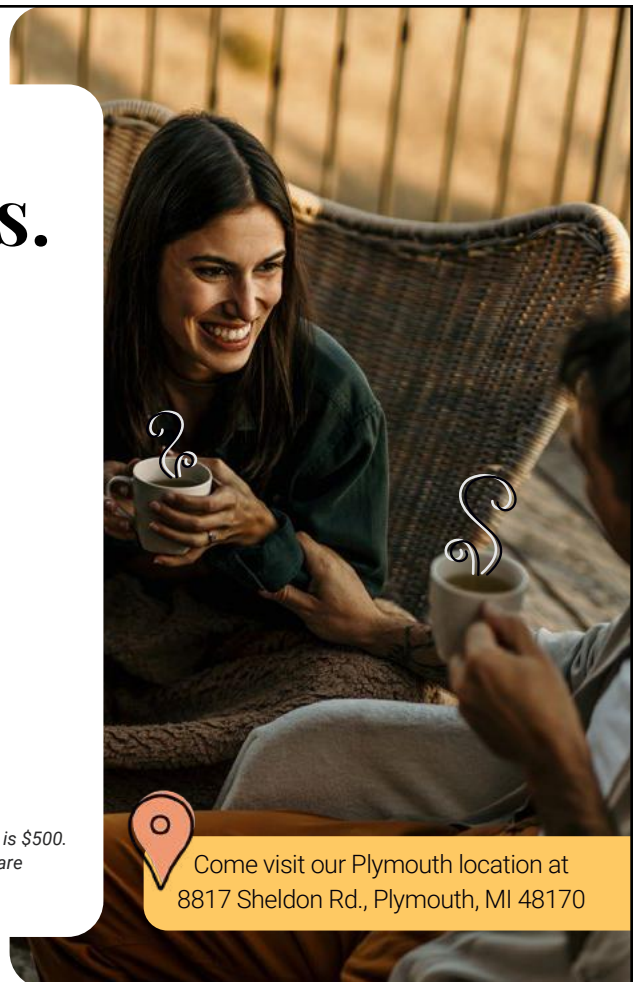
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From Taking the Call to Taking the Oath

Police recruit looking forward to serving in the community she grew up in

By Cynthia Fell, Director of Civilian Operations, Plymouth Township Police Department

FOR years, Police Service Aide (PSA) Ainsley Ramirez was the calm voice that you heard when you called 9-1-1. A skilled PSA, she knew the importance of being the first voice a person hears during their worst moment.

Ramirez was a great fit for the Plymouth Township Police Department from day one. She came to the department with a passion for the Plymouth community, an education in criminal justice and dedication to serving others. She was always interested in the role of police officer, and last year decided to take her commitment to public safety one step further by attending the police academy.

Ramirez isn't just choosing to become an officer in this community – she is choosing to become an officer in the community where she was raised. She spent years taking the call. Now she's taking the oath.

Her first role in public safety wasn't an easy one. PSAs (911 dispatchers who also work in the jail) need to remain calm under pressure, gather critical information quickly, communicate with officers and other first responders, multitask, prioritize, and manage interactions with people during fear, confusion and crisis. This experience gave Ramirez a unique understanding of police work before ever putting on the uniform.

"I believe working in the dispatch center helped tremendously, as it gave me hands-on experience in a completely new environment outside of a school setting," she said.

She is grateful for her time in dispatch.

"While I am still learning new things every day in the academy I felt as though I came into this experience with a lot of support and guidance, which I gained through being a PSA," she said.

There are several aspects of the academy that were new to Ramirez. The physical training was something that she prepared for ahead of time but is still taking time to get used to.

Training with firearms instructors is something that is very new.

"I had not shot a firearm many times before entering the academy and was a little nervous," she said.

"However, I believe the program of firearms training within the academy is set up in a way that is very beneficial to the recruits. It provides a safe and encouraging environment for those that may not have been as familiar with the workings of firearms."

One thing is clear to recruit Ramirez. It is an honor and privilege to serve in her hometown.

"I think it means a lot to serve a community you grew up in," she said. "I find it a wonderful way to give back to a community that has already given so much to me."

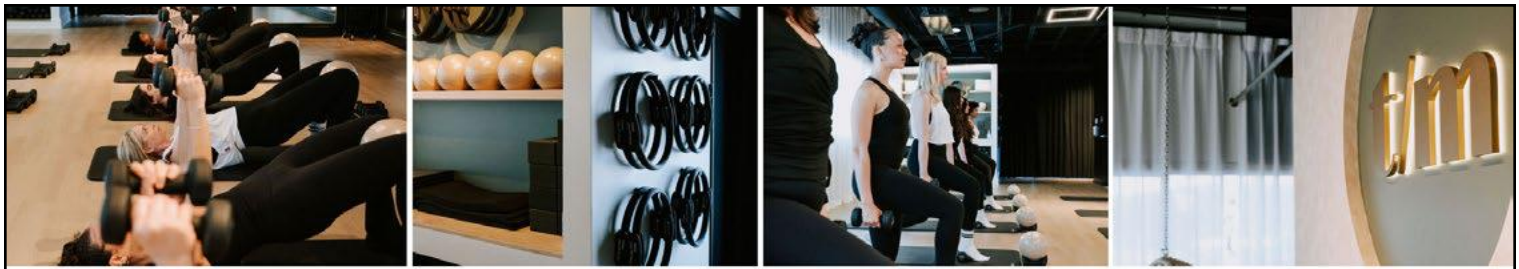


Plymouth Township Police Department is proud to recruit candidates such as Ramirez. The department's values of community service, integrity and professionalism attract quality candidates to police service aide positions and police officer positions.



Ramirez is one of what the department hopes to be many in the future. As she prepares to take on this new role, she knows she is not making the transition alone. The support she has received from her family, friends and the Plymouth Township Police Department has helped shape her journey and continues to motivate her as she begins her career as an officer.

"I look forward to entering this new chapter of my life with so much support from family, friends and especially the police department," she said. "The continued support only encourages me to push harder and be the best I can be for those I am entrusted to serve and protect."



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Michigan's Unsung Heroes of Fall

*What would the season be without
farmers and orchards?*

By Kelsi Klein

ALTHOUGH summer seems to go by too fast, fall in Michigan is a welcomed season. From visiting pumpkin patches to drinking fresh apple cider, fall traditions are highly anticipated each year.

For many people, these traditions simply come with the territory of changing leaves and dropping temperatures, but behind every crisp apple, ripe orange pumpkin and jar of local honey are dedicated folks whose work begins long before September arrives.

Michigan's farmers, orchard owners, greenhouse growers, turkey farmers and more shape the harvest season, making fall traditions possible for all to enjoy.

Thanks to its climate, proximity to lakes and nutrient-rich soil, Michigan is the ideal place to grow apples. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the state is the second largest apple-producing state in America, with approximately 850 family-run farms producing over one billion pounds of apples each year.

Though apples are harvested from mid-to-late August through October, apple farming is a year-round job. Without these farms and farmers, fall staples like apple cider, apple pie and visits to the apple orchard wouldn't exist.

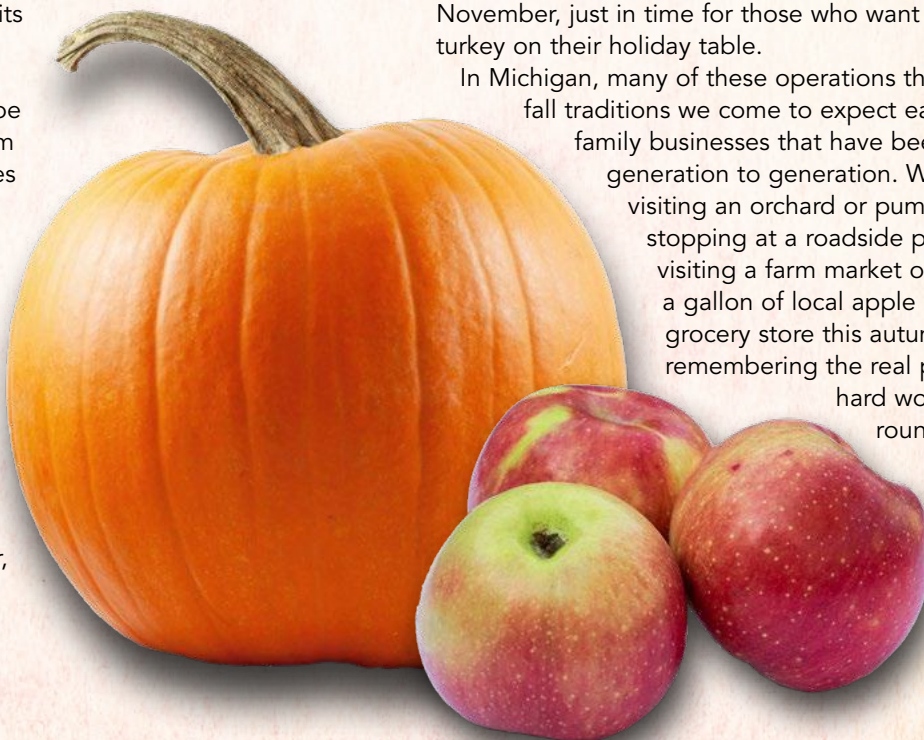
And what would fall be without pumpkins? From visiting pumpkin patches to pick the perfect Halloween jack-o-lanterns to indulging in a classic pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving, the orange winter squash is a sign of fall. Farmers plant seeds in late spring, and the plants require maintenance throughout the summer, taking 90-120 days to mature from seed to harvest.

Michigan beekeepers play a vital role in not only honey production, but also pollination. According to Michigan State University, about 50 percent of Michigan's fruit and vegetable industry depends on honeybees. Michigan fall honey is harvested between late August and early October and is a darker, full-bodied honey – perfect for fall baked goods and hot drinks. Beekeepers work year-round to maintain hives and protect the bees from parasites, disease, starvation and more.

Greenhouses and family farms continue working long after the spring and summer season, extending local produce supply past the first outdoor frost, helping make late-season crops and cool-season greens available at local farmers markets.

Michigan is the 15th largest producer of turkeys in the country, and turkey farmers begin prepping for Thanksgiving months in advance. Farmers typically receive young poults in early July, and they grow for about 16-20 weeks on a grain-based diet on local farms. They reach their full market weight and are ready for processing in November, just in time for those who want a fresh, local turkey on their holiday table.

In Michigan, many of these operations that bring us the fall traditions we come to expect each season are family businesses that have been passed from generation to generation. Whether it's visiting an orchard or pumpkin patch, stopping at a roadside produce stand, visiting a farm market or even buying a gallon of local apple cider at the grocery store this autumn, it's worth remembering the real people whose hard work and year-round commitment make all the things we love about fall possible.



Fall Bucket List

By Kelsi Klein

THERE'S no need to travel far to make the most of fall in Southeast Michigan. Sometimes the season goes by so fast before you realize you didn't even do any fall activities. Enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of fall right here in Metro Detroit with this bucket list:

- **Visit a cider mill**

There are many cider mills to choose from in the area. Watch the production process, try some freshly pressed apple cider and, of course, enjoy a fresh apple cider donut while it's hot.

- **Pick your own apples or pumpkins**

Support local growers this year and visit an apple orchard or pumpkin patch to pick your own produce.

- **Visit a corn maze or hayride**

Challenge friends or family to a corn maze and enjoy a fall hayride. Many farms also offer outdoor activities like petting zoos, giant slides and other family-friendly attractions.

- **Take your own fall color tour**

Visit a local park and walk, hike or bike ride through the trails to enjoy nature as the leaves change colors. If you prefer to stay out of the elements, take a scenic drive along Hines Drive, through the local metroparks or down tree-lined country roads and enjoy the view.

- **Visit a farmers market**

Stock up on late-season vegetables like spinach, kale, broccoli and root vegetables from local growers along with fall staples like apple butter, honey and baked goods.

- **Attend a fall festival**

Many Metro Detroit cities host fall festivals featuring craft vendors, live entertainment, food trucks and family-friendly activities to take advantage of before it gets too cold.

- **Go to a football game or host a watch party**

Take in the spirit of fall and cheer on a local football team, whether it's under Friday night lights, tailgating at a college game or cheering on the Lions at home.

- **Visit a local craft or vendor show**

Browse the booths at a craft show for handmade candles, home décor, artwork, soaps and more for yourself or to get a head start on holiday shopping.

- **Bake your own fall treats**

With local apples or pumpkins, bake your own pies, breads or muffins to enjoy with hot apple cider or coffee.

- **Decorate your porch for fall**

This small gesture is often overlooked but welcomes the season. Decorate your porch or front door with fall-themed wreaths, colorful mums, corn stalks and decorative gourds.

- **Enjoy a seasonal beverage**

Whether a pumpkin spice latte or seasonal craft beer, try a fall-themed drink you haven't had before.

- **Make homemade soup**

Fall is the perfect time for soup. Use vegetables from a local farmers market and warm up with homemade soup.

- **Watch for migrating birds**

Visit a park, nature center or even sit in your own backyard and watch for birds as they migrate south.

- **Volunteer**

Find a local organization to volunteer at this fall, help clean a public park, rake a neighbor's leaves or do something small to make a difference during the Thanksgiving season.

Welcome to Christmas Town

Plymouth continues to embrace holiday moniker, expand decorations and experiences By Wes Graff

PLYMOUTH is emerging as a "Christmas Town" because the entire downtown transforms into a concentrated, walkable holiday experience where every block feels like a Christmas card.

Plymouth's Christmas spirit continues to grow out from Kellogg Park's Walk of Trees and the Penn Theatre Christmas movie series and spreads across the downtown.

One example is how Sean O'Callahan's, Plymouth's classic Irish Pub, has embraced Grinchmas in recent years. After walking past the decoratively painted Grinchmas windows to enter, you can often find the Grinch in person hanging around in a bright green, furry dining room decorated with many touches of Whoville.

Restaurants throughout the downtown and all over Plymouth embrace that spirit through elaborate holiday decorations, along with special holiday menus and Christmas-themed drinks to warm up those taking a break from shopping or out for an evening of holiday cheer.

Speaking of shopping, the stores are destinations in themselves filled with decorations and the perfect gifts. Since we do not have large national chain stores in our downtown, our local merchants take great pride in transforming their stores into appealing Christmas wonderlands, where you can buy what you see to decorate or dress for the holidays. For example, when you step into the historic Baker House, where Vitrine calls home, you are in a beautiful, historic Victorian-style home that is decked out for the holidays.

Then you add all the Christmas events, like visiting Santa on weekends in the caboose at the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Santa Parade to all the parks in Plymouth the day after Thanksgiving, the Salvation Army Red Kettle kick-off on Main Street, A Christmas Carol Musical performed by Forever After Productions, and those classic Christmas movies all month long at the Penn Theatre.

For many, Plymouth truly becomes a Hallmark Channel Christmas movie when Christmas in Plymouth and the Mistletoe Market hit town December 11-12. Activities, music, horse carriage rides and more accompany the European-style market behind Kellogg Park. Entering its second year, the Tinsel & Treasures Craft Show at the



PARC is happening at the same time.

These events sprinkle into the constant feeling of the Christmas season we keep going throughout with the decorations that adorn Kellogg Park and the streets of Plymouth. This year, the Chamber of Commerce is again adding new decorations from Bronner's to Kellogg Park.

You will see a new, red English-style cylindrical mailbox that reads "Santa's Mail", where children can drop off their Christmas letters as they enter the Walk of Trees. We also purchased three whimsical Christmas polar bears you will see around the fountain that are perfect for selfies. The City and Downtown Development Authority are adding new lights.

During late November and early December, the Chamber will ramp up the Christmas Town promotions through our powerful Facebook page, Plymouth/Plymouth Township, Michigan, which has over 41,000 followers.

We put strong emphasis on Christmas because it is good for business and good for the image of our community. At the Chamber, where commerce meets community, we thrive. So this holiday season, let's invite others to join us in our charming Christmas Town.

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November – February

NOVEMBER

November 7 & 8

Midwest Ski & Snowboard Super Swap in The Gathering

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

First of two tour stops in Plymouth! Find a huge selection, expert help, gear that actually fit at swap prices: skis, snowboards, ski boots, snowboard boots, bindings, poles and race equipment. Selling gear? Drop off qualifying gear in Plymouth or Ann Arbor, we tag it, transport, display at all eight tour stops across Michigan and Indiana. See details about the tour, Quick Pass for easier shopping, qualifying gear and more at sunandsnow.com.

November 12

Ladies Holiday Shopping Night

4-8 p.m.

Downtown Plymouth & Old Village A quaint holiday shopping experience in Downtown Plymouth and Plymouth's Old Village. Participating stores are offering their own special holiday deals and delights: door prizes, refreshments, shopping specials, samples, and more! Support local businesses and shop local this holiday season in Plymouth. For more information, visit plymouthmich.org.

November 13

Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick Off & Main Street Boulevard Lighting

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Kellogg Park and Main Street Gather with the community to kick off the Season of Giving at this annual winter event. Main Street Boulevard Lighting at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit downtownplymouth.org.



November 27

Santa's City of Plymouth Parade

6:00-8:30 p.m.

City of Plymouth parks and Kellogg Park Santa will visit various city parks starting at 6:00 p.m., arriving for a final stop in Kellogg Park around 8:00 p.m. Holiday fun in Kellogg Park from 7:00 p.m. – don't miss the Kellogg Park Tree Lighting at 8:15 p.m. For more information, visit downtownplymouth.org.



November 27-December 31

Walk of Trees

Kellogg Park

Park walkways are lined with evergreens decorated by local businesses, organizations, individuals – each telling a different story. Come see the stories this community has to tell and drop off a letter for Santa at the new mailbox. Learn more at plymouthmich.org

November 28

Plymouth Community Christmas Farmers Market

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Gathering near Kellogg Park Support the community during this festive market where various vendors will be selling holiday greens, decorations, crafts and more. For more information, visit plymouthmich.org

DECEMBER

December 5 & 6

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December 11-12

Christmas in Plymouth and Mistletoe Market

Friday: 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Downtown Plymouth

City sidewalks in holiday style!

Experience holiday fun with horse-drawn carriage rides, the Mistletoe Market featuring handcrafted artisan goods, tinsel town and tunnel train, free trolley tours and parking shuttle, meet and greets with holiday characters, live music, a kids zone and much more. For more information, visit christmasinplymouth.com.

FEBRUARY

February 5-7, 2027

Plymouth Ice Festival

Downtown Plymouth & Old Village Downtown Plymouth and Old Village will be sparkling with icy fun with over 150 ice carvings for the weekend! Play the Ice Fest Scavenger Hunt to win prizes. For details visit plymouthicefestival.com.

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