

O&E THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1991

IN BRIEF

Make holiday gifts

Children ages 6-13 are invited to recreate the spirit of Christmas past by participating at a gift-making workshop Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Farmington Community Center. Six old-fashioned, useful gifts will be created and wrapped during each two-hour workshop. The gifts include something for a man, woman and child. The workshops start at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 per session with prepaid reservations required. Registration is limited so sign up early at the Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Call 477-8404 for more information.

She plans finances

Maria Szymanski has been appointed associate vice president for financial planning at Mercy Health Services, a Farmington-Hills based health care system sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Detroit.

Szymanski of Sterling Heights will be responsible for financial planning and analysis, reimbursement and corporate accounting.

Szymanski was most recently senior vice president and chief financial officer with SelectCare, Inc., a 275,000-member managed care provider based in Troy. She has worked as the controller at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospitals and Health Services in Mt. Clemens and as director of financial planning and reimbursement at Detroit's Sinai Hospital.

She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Detroit and has pursued graduate studies at Oakland University. She is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association; Beta Alpha Psi, a national honorary business fraternity; and the Michigan Women Committee of 100.



Maria Szymanski

Shopper's delight Santa Surplus bargains last until Christmas

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Look carefully when browsing the displays at the Santa Surplus store in Farmington. It's a bargain shopper's delight meant to last only until Christmas.

Take the videotape of Ernest Borgnine's "The Spirit of the Season." Or the funny animal cards. Maybe a mug for mom with the inscription "If mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy." Stuffed animals, porcelain

The store offers a 10 percent discount for non-profit groups. Karen Cox said she is often visited by residents of the nearby Farmington Place. And students from Our Lady of Sorrows

have put items in layaway as gifts for their parents. After Thanksgiving, the Santa Surplus store will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5

p.m. Sunday. Santa will also be there for kids to visit on Saturdays starting after Thanksgiving. It's currently open until 8 p.m., and 9 p.m. Thursdays.

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— Karen Cox
regional director,
Christmas Around the World

figurines, puzzles and toys, and all matter of things for the home — not to mention all sorts of Christmas goodies — fill the rest of the shelves.

Many items sell for \$10 and under. The temporary Santa Surplus store opened recently at the Village Commons Shopping Center, off Grand River on the east side of downtown. The store — open daily until 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve — is sponsored by Christmas Around the World and run by the company's regional director Karen Cox.

Cox said she is happy to be handling the retail operation as a change of pace from her usual home sales. "We're having fun with it, we really are," she said.

HUSBAND TOM, a public safety commander for the city of Farmington, and two daughters Tara and Brooke, have also gotten into the act, as have many friends who helped the family set up shop. To fill the 9,000 square foot space, they had to open 2,000 boxes of goods, inventory, price and display the goods. It took four days.



Brooke and Tara Cox (right) are "Santa's Helpers" as and their mother, Patti Kimmel look over the merchandise. Customers (from left) Dan and Julie Kimmel

SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

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